



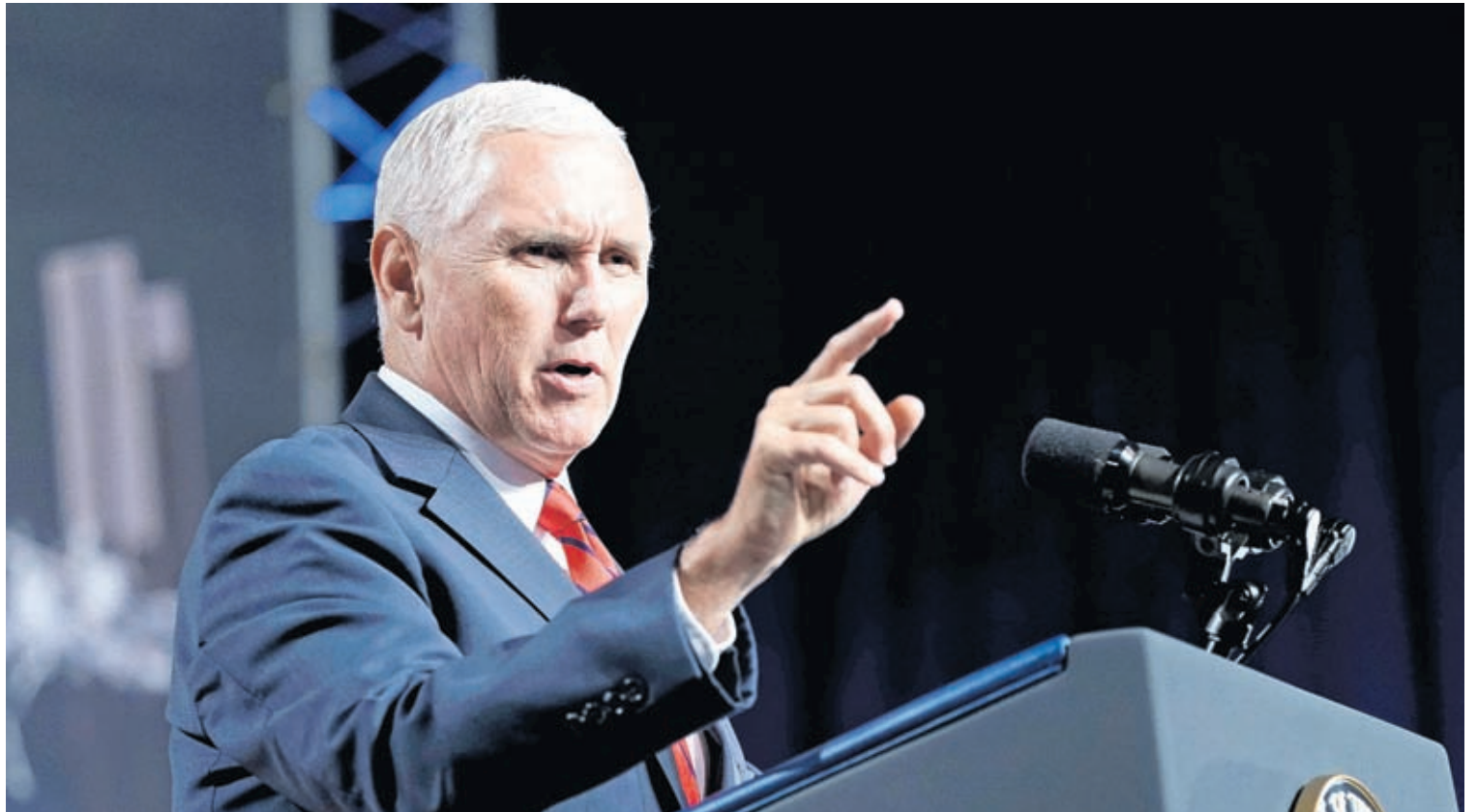
Pence: I'm confident no one on my staff wrote the NYT column

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Mike Pence says he's "100 percent confident" that no one on his staff was involved with the anonymous New York Times column criticizing President Donald Trump's leadership.

"I know them. I know their character," Pence said in a taped interview aired Sunday by CBS' "Face the Nation."

Some pundits had speculated that Pence could be the "senior administration official" who wrote the opinion piece because it included language Pence has been known to use, like the unusual word "lode-star."



In this Aug. 23, 2018, file photo, Vice President Mike Pence speaks during a visit to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

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The op-ed writer claimed to be part of a "resistance" movement within the Trump administration that was working quietly behind the scenes to thwart the president's most dangerous impulses.

More than two dozen high-ranking administration officials have denied writing the column.

And Pence said his staff has nothing to do with it.

"Let me be very clear. I'm 100 percent confident that

no one on the vice president's staff was involved in this anonymous editorial. I know my people," Pence said on "Face the Nation."

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U.S. backtracks on Russian spy suspect offering sex for access

By ERIC TUCKER and CHAD DAY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are backtracking on their allegation that a Russian woman accused of working as a secret agent offered to trade sex for access, according to a Justice Department court filing.

Prosecutors had earlier accused Maria Butina, a gun rights activist in U.S. custody on charges she worked as a covert agent and tried to establish back-channel lines of communication to the Kremlin, of offering to exchange sex for a position with a special interest organization.

The salacious allegation, which immediately escalated the public interest in the case, was based on a series of text messages to and from Butina and other information that prosecutors say they had obtained. But in a new court filing late Friday, prosecutors said they misinterpreted the messages. They said "even granting that the govern-



In this April 21, 2013 file photo, Maria Butina, leader of a pro-gun organization in Russia, speaks to a crowd during a rally in support of legalizing the possession of handguns in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

ment's understanding of this particular text conversation was mistaken," there is other evidence to support keeping Butina in custody as the case against her moves forward in Wash-

ington.

Butina, 29, was arrested in July and accused of gathering intelligence on American officials and political organizations. Prosecutors say she used her contacts

with the National Rifle Association and the National Prayer Breakfast to develop relationships with U.S. politicians and gather information for Russia. They also say she used her role as a student at American University in Washington as a cover for her activities.

The case is being handled by the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia and not by special counsel Robert Mueller, who has been leading an investigation into possible coordination between Russia and Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign as well as Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election. The filing came ahead of a status hearing in her case scheduled for Monday.

Butina's lawyer, Robert Driscoll, had strongly denied the accusation and said the government had relied on an "innocuous" 3-year-old text message exchange between Butina and a longtime friend, assistant and public relations professional for a gun rights group that she had founded.

The individual, identified in court papers only as DK, had said in the text that he didn't know what Butina would owe him after

he took her car for an insurance renewal and government inspection. She replied, "Sex. Thank you so much. I have nothing else at all. Not a nickel to my name."

In a court filing last month, Driscoll said that the sex comment was clearly a joke and that Butina is friends with DK's wife and child and treats him like a brother. He said there is no evidence that the two ever had sex.

"The impact of this inflammatory allegation, which painted Ms. Butina as some type of Kremlin-trained seductress, or spy-novel honeypot character, trading sex for access and power, cannot be overstated," Driscoll said.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, Driscoll said, "I'm happy the government walked back their false allegation." Butina has pleaded not guilty to the charges of conspiracy and acting as an unregistered foreign agent for Russia. Driscoll has denied that Butina is a Russian agent, calling the case "overblown."

He has said his client was merely a student who wanted to see a better relationship between the U.S. and Russia and sought to network with influential people in American politics.

The sexual allegation was only a small part of the evidence presented by prosecutors in arguing to jail Butina. Prosecutors largely argued that she posed an "extreme" flight risk and raised the prospect of her being swept out of the country by Russians using their diplomatic immunity to shield her from U.S. law enforcement. The U.S. does not have an extradition treaty with Russia.

Prosecutors have said her activities in the U.S. were being directed by a Russian official, identified by Driscoll as Alexander Torshin. He is a senior official in the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, a former lawmaker and a member of the NRA since 2012. □

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"They get up every day and are dedicated, just as much as I am, to advancing the president's agenda and supporting everything ... President Trump is doing for the people of this country."

Asked whether he had asked his staff about the op-ed, Pence said, "I don't have to ask them because I know them. I know their character. I know their dedication and I am absolutely confident that no one on the vice president's staff had anything to do with this."

He restated that he thinks the essay writer should do the "honorable thing and resign."

Publication of the op-ed followed the release of stunning details from an upcoming book by Watergate reporter Bob Woodward in which current and former aides referred to Trump as an "idiot" and "liar" and depicted him as prone to rash policy decisions that some aides either work to stall or derail entirely.

Both releases are said to have infuriated Trump, who unleashed a string of attacks on Woodward's credibility and dismissed the celebrated author's book as a "work of fiction." Some of the officials featured in the book's anecdotes about the president, including Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and White House chief of staff John Kelly, issued statements denying the comments at-

tributed to them by Woodward.

Woodward has said he stands by his reporting. The book, "Fear: Trump in the White House," is scheduled to be formally released Tuesday, all but ensuring that the debate over Trump's leadership ability and style will extend into a second straight week.

Trump, meanwhile, has denounced the Times opinion piece as "gutless" and its publication as a "disgrace" bordering on treason.

Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, a Trump ally, has said the president would be justified in using lie detectors to ferret out the anonymous writer. The president has yet to say whether he'd go that far, but Pence says he'd be willing to submit to such an examination.

Both Pence and Kellyanne Conway, a counselor to Trump, pushed back during separate television appearances Sunday on the portrayals of Trump as anything but a thoughtful leader. Both also said they had no idea who wrote the piece; Trump has said he can name up to five people who could have written it.

"What I see is a tough leader, a demanding leader, someone who gets all the options on the table," Pence said on Fox News. "But he makes the decisions, and that's why we've made the progress we've made."

Trump has said the Justice Department should investigate and unmask the

anonymous author. He cited national security concerns as grounds for what would amount to an extraordinary criminal probe should Attorney General Jeff Sessions decide to pursue one.

Neither Pence nor Conway answered directly when asked if Sessions should treat Trump's comments as an order. The Justice Department is supposed to make investigative decisions free of political pressure from the White House and the president. □



Vice President Mike Pence speaks to airmen during a visit to Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas Friday, Sept. 7, 2018.

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In this Monday, April 16, 2018 file photo adult film actress Stormy Daniels speaks outside federal court in New York.

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Lawyer: Trump doesn't think Stormy Daniels' deal is valid

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO** and **CATHERINE LUCEY**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump does not believe porn actress Stormy Daniels' hush-money deal, which his former personal lawyer said was done to influence the

2016 presidential election, is valid and will not carry out threats to sue her for breaking the agreement by discussing details of their alleged affair, Trump's attorney said in a court filing Saturday.

Hours earlier an attorney for the company set up to handle the deal offered to rescind Daniels' nondisclosure agreement. The company, Essential Consultants, also scrapped a threatened \$20 million lawsuit against Daniels.

The two developments could kill efforts by Daniels' attorney, Michael Avenatti, to force the president to give sworn testimony about what he and his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, might have known about the deal, if a judge agrees to now dismiss the case. The offers remove any legal risk to Daniels stemming from her public discussion of the alleged affair and the alleged efforts to hide it.

Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, has said she had sex once with Trump in 2006 and carried on a platonic relationship with him for about a year. She was paid \$130,000 as part of the agreement signed days before the 2016 election and is suing to dissolve the contract. Daniels has argued the agreement should be invalidated because Cohen signed it, but Trump did not. In Saturday's court filing, Trump's attorney, Charles Harder, said the president doesn't dispute Daniels' assertion that the contract isn't valid and never considered himself as a party to the agreement. Both Trump and Cohen have

asked Daniels to now drop her lawsuit. Essential Consultants was set up by Cohen, who pleaded guilty in federal court last month to campaign-finance violations and other charges. Though Cohen originally denied having made a hush-money payment to Daniels on behalf of Trump, he told the court that he and Trump arranged payments to both Daniels and a former Playboy model to influence the election.

In addition to the offer to quash the agreement, Essential Consultants also agreed to back off its plan to fight Daniels in private arbitration and will not pursue a lawsuit against her, Brent Blakely, an attorney for the company, said in a letter to Daniels' lawyer. Cohen had said that Daniels could owe \$20 million for violating the agreement.

The company wants Daniels to repay the \$130,000 she was paid, Blakely wrote. Avenatti told The Associated Press that he did not have to accept the offer and would not settle the case without deposing Trump and Cohen. He said he was still reviewing his options but wasn't worried about the developments.

"We are tired of the constant delays and games being played," he said. "We want these depositions as soon as possible." Regardless of how a court views the offer by Trump and Cohen's company to drop efforts to enforce the agreement, Avenatti has other possible legal routes to pursue the president. Daniels is also suing Trump and Cohen for defamation. □

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Strengthening Hurricane Florence takes aim at U.S. Southeast

By **RUSS BYNUM**
Associated Press

A rapidly strengthening Hurricane Florence churned across the Atlantic on Sunday toward a possible direct hit on the U.S. Southeast late this week, triggering warnings to people up and down the coast to get their emergency kits ready, map out escape routes and fill sandbags.

Red flags flying on beaches warned swimmers to stay out of waters already roiled by the distant storm, and cruise ships and Navy vessels were set to be steered out of harm's way. People rushed to buy bottled water, plywood and other supplies.

Florence crossed the 74 mph threshold from tropical storm to hurricane Sunday morning, and by evening its winds were up to 85 mph (140 kph) as the National Hurricane Center warned it was expected to become an extremely dangerous major hurricane by Monday and remain that way for days.

As of 5 p.m. EDT, Florence was centered about 720 miles (1,160 kilometers) southeast of Bermuda, moving west at 7 mph (11 kmh). Drawing energy from the warm water, it could be a fearsome Category 4 with winds of 130 mph (209 kph) or more by Tuesday, the Miami-based center said.

Forecasters said it is too early to know the exact path the storm will take but warned that it could roll ashore in the Carolinas by Thursday.

Forecasters urged residents

from South Carolina to the mid-Atlantic to get ready — and not just for a possible direct blow against the coast. They warned that Florence could slow or stall after coming ashore, with some forecasting models showing it could unload a foot or two of rain in places, causing devastating inland flooding. Forecasters also warned that the threat of a life-threatening storm surge was rising.

"Pretend, assume, presume that a major hurricane is going to hit right smack dab in the middle of South Carolina and is going to go way inshore," South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said. The state's emergency management agency said it is "preparing for the possibility of a large-scale disaster."

Myrtle Beach hardware stores and supermarkets were busy ringing up sales of bottled water, plywood and generators.

"Literally, they are filling buggies full of water, shopping carts full of water," Ryan Deeck, grocery department manager at a Walmart, told The Sun News. "They're coming in and buying water and plates, and that's about all they're buying."

North Carolina officials started getting bulldozers and chain saws ready.

Across the Southeast, people were urged to put together emergency supply kits, prepare their homes and research evacuation routes. The governors of North and South Carolina and Virginia declared states of emergency far

ahead of the storm to get ready.


Florence's effects were already being felt along the coast, with dangerous swells and rip currents in some spots. On North Carolina's Outer Banks, the

town of Nags Head posted no-swimming flags on beaches.

In Jacksonville, North Carolina, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) from the coast, some residents picked up hurricane supplies dur-

ing their normal weekend shopping,

The Daily News reported. Ilija Cesal told the newspaper he wouldn't worry about buying extra water or other supplies for a few more days. □



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Authorities: Dallas officer arrested on manslaughter warrant

By RYAN TARINELLI and KEN MILLER

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — A white Dallas police officer was arrested Sunday on a manslaughter warrant in the shooting of a black man at his home, Texas authorities said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said in a news release that Officer Amber Guyger was booked into the Kaufman County Jail and that the investigation is ongoing. It said no additional information is available at this time.

The 30-year-old Guyger fatally shot 26-year-old Botham Jean on Thursday. Lawyers for Jean's family had been calling for Guyger's arrest, saying the fact that she had remained free days after the shooting showed she was receiving favorable treatment.

S. Lee Merritt, who is representing the family of 26-year-old Botham Jean, said Saturday that the family isn't calling on the authorities to jump to conclusions or to deny Officer Amber Guyger her right to due process. But Merritt, flanked by members of the family and Mothers Against Police Brutality, said they want Guyger "to be treated like every other citizen, and where there is evidence that they've committed a crime, that there's a warrant to be issued and an arrest to be made."

Guyger is a four-year veter-



Grant Jean, 15, and his mother Allison Jean, who are the brother and mother of Botham Jean mourn with another churchgoer during a prayer service for Jean at the Dallas West Church of Christ on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018 in Dallas.

an of the police force. The Dallas Police Department released her name Saturday night — two nights after she shot and killed Jean. Police Chief U. Renee Hall said the day after the shooting that her department was seeking manslaughter charges against Guyger. But she said Saturday that the Texas Rangers, who have taken over the investigation, asked her department to hold off because they had learned new information and wanted to investigate further before a warrant was issued.

Police on Sunday referred questions to the Rangers. A spokesman for the agency, Lonny Haschel, said in an

email that no additional information was available.

Jean's family has also hired attorney Benjamin Crump, who is best known for representing the families of Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown. Martin, a black, unarmed 17-year-old, was shot and killed by a neighborhood watch volunteer in 2012 in Sanford, Florida. Brown, a black, unarmed 18-year-old, was shot and killed by a white police officer in 2014 in Ferguson, Missouri.

Crump has also represented the families of Stephon Clark and Terence Crutcher, both also black and unarmed. Clark, 22, was fatally shot earlier this year

by officers in the backyard of his grandparents' home in Sacramento, California. Crutcher, 40, was shot and killed by a white police officer in 2016 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to police, Guyger shot and killed Jean after returning in uniform to the South Side Flats, where they both had apartments, following her shift. She reported the shooting to dispatchers and she told officers who responded that she had mistaken Jean's apartment for her own.

Many questions remain about what led Guyger to shoot Jean. Hall said the officer's blood was drawn at the scene so that it could be tested for alcohol and

drugs. Investigators haven't released the results of those tests. Jean's mother, Allison Jean, wondered whether race could have been a factor. Her son, who grew up in the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia before attending college in Arkansas, is black. Guyger is white. "If it was a white man, would it have been different? Would she have reacted differently?" Allison Jean said Friday.

According to an affidavit in the case filed against Perez, police were looking for a suspect when Guyger and another officer were called to assist a third. Perez got out of a car and became combative with Guyger and another officer. A struggle began and Guyger fired her Taser at Perez, who then wrested it away from her. She then drew her gun and fired, wounding Perez in the abdomen.

Guyger was not charged in the 2017 shooting.

Sgt. Mike Mata, president of Dallas' largest police employee organization, the Dallas Police Association, on Saturday called for an "open, transparent and full investigation of the event, the Dallas Morning News reported. He described Jean as an "amazing individual" and said that "if the grand jury deems necessary, this officer should have to answer for her actions in a court of law in Dallas County." □

Deadly fire exposes wealthy man's secret underground tunnels

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**
Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The wealthy stock trader took elaborate steps to conceal the network of tunnels beneath his house in this Washington, D.C., suburb. Even the young man helping him dig them didn't know where they were.

A year ago, a deadly fire exposed Daniel Beckwitt's curious campaign to build an underground bunker for protection from a nuclear attack. Neighbors knew nothing about the tunnels before they heard Beckwitt's screams and saw smoke pouring from the house where 21-year-old Askia Khafra (ASK-ee-uh KA-fruh) died that afternoon.

Maryland prosecutors portray Beckwitt, a 27-year-old millionaire, as a paranoid computer hacker who recklessly endangered Khafra's life. In May, they secured Beckwitt's indictment on charges of second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. Beckwitt's lawyer calls Khafra's death a tragic accident, not a crime. Defense attorney Robert Bonsib concedes Beckwitt is an "unusual guy" but says his client risked his own life in a failed attempt to rescue Khafra.

Beckwitt was freed on bond after his May arrest. His trial is scheduled for April 2019.

Monday marks the anniversary of the Sept. 10, 2017, fire. It's a day that Khafra's parents are dreading.

During a recent interview at their Silver Spring, Maryland, home, Dia Khafra, 69, said he and his wife, Claudia, tried to persuade Askia to stay away from Beckwitt's tunnels. Their son met Beckwitt online and agreed to help him dig the tunnels in exchange for Beckwitt's investments in an internet company Askia was launching.

"I always feared something dangerous would happen to him," the elder Khafra

said.

Investigators found the younger Khafra's charred body in the basement of Beckwitt's Bethesda home. A hole in the concrete basement floor led to a shaft that dropped down 20 feet (6 meters) into tunnels that branched out roughly 200 feet (60 meters) in length.

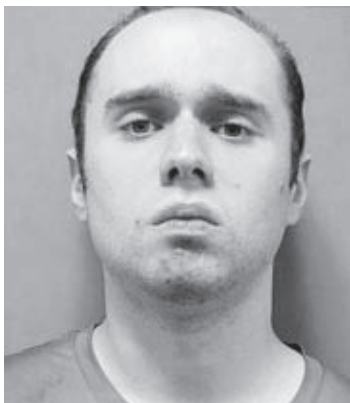
A police report says Beckwitt told investigators how he tried to preserve his project's secrecy when he brought Khafra there. Beckwitt said he would rent a car, pick Khafra up and drive him to Manassas, Virginia, where he had the younger man don "black-out glasses" before driving him around for about an hour. Khafra spent days at a time working, eating and sleeping in the tunnels. He had his cellphone with him, but Beckwitt used internet "spoofing" to make it appear he was in Virginia, according to Montgomery County prosecutor Douglas Wink.

"These are the lengths the defendant went through in order to hide the truth from Askia Khafra as to where he was and to maintain the secrecy of these tunnels," Wink said during a May 31 hearing.

Beckwitt lived alone in "extreme hoarder conditions," forcing the men to navigate a maze of junk and trash, Wink said. The tunnels had lights, an air circulation system and a heater powered by a "haphazard daisy chain" of power strips that created a fire risk, the prosecutor said.

Hours before the fire, Khafra texted Beckwitt to warn him it smelled like smoke in the tunnels. Beckwitt flipped a breaker that turned off lights in the tunnels but turned the power back on after Khafra said he couldn't see, Wink said. Beckwitt ignored those "obvious signs" of danger, the prosecutor told a judge.

Wink said Beckwitt had a "paranoid fixation" on a



This undated photo released by the Montgomery County Police Department shows Daniel Beckwitt in Maryland. Beckwitt, is charged with second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter in the Sept. 10, 2017, death of Askia Khafra.

Associated Press

possible nuclear attack by North Korea. Beckwitt's lawyer compared his client's concern to "the days of the Cuban missile crisis." Bonsib said Khafra posted photos of himself in the tunnels on social media, suggesting he was proud of the work.

"He kept coming back," Bonsib said.

Beckwitt's lawyer described him as a successful "day trader" who has made millions trading stocks. Dia Khafra said his son was impressed by Beckwitt's wealth.

"I think Askia was very trusting," he said. "He believed in the guy." □

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Calm returns to Iraq's Basra after week of violent protests

By **QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA**
Associated Press

BASRA, Iraq (AP) — A sense of calm returned to Iraq's southern city of Basra on Sunday after a week of violent protests over unemployment and poor public services that left at least 15 people dead and threatened stability in the oil-rich region.

Troops sent from Baghdad have reinforced police, and government offices and markets reopened after a quiet night. Municipality workers were out in force cleaning up the streets and carting away debris from the clashes.

Governor Asaad al-Aidani said the provincial government has found new offices to work from, after angry demonstrators burned most government buildings in the city this week. He said it would take at least five weeks, however, to supply the city center with



Security forces patrol in Basra, Iraq, 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

potable water, after a rash of stomach illnesses fueled unrest in the oil-rich region. Basra and other cities in Iraq's southern Shiite heartland have been convulsed by the most serious protests in years, with residents com-

plaining of power outages, filthy tap water and soaring unemployment. In recent days, protesters have attacked government offices, political party headquarters and the Iranian consulate. Many blame

their woes on neighboring Iran's outsized influence on Iraqi politics and are calling for radical change.

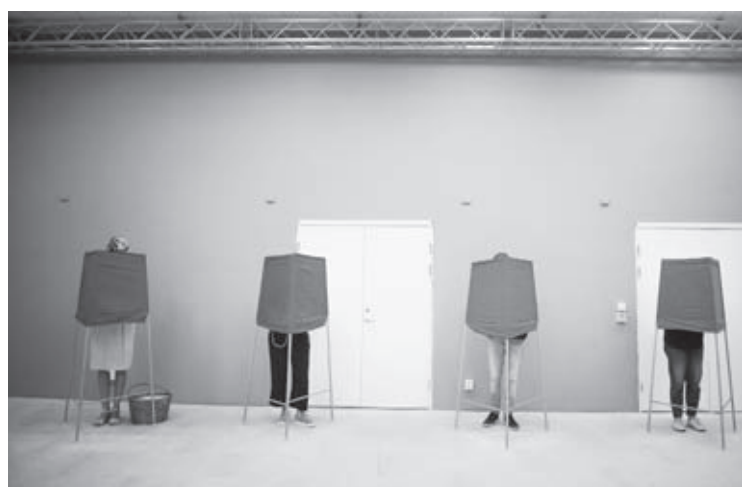
On Saturday, a spokesman for an alliance of powerful Shiite militias, many of them backed by Iran, vowed

to respond against "those who are carrying out acts of arson and sabotage." The local commander, known as Abu Yasser al-Jaafari, said the lack of response thus far should not be taken as a sign of weakness.

Hours later, masked government troops in combat fatigues deployed in the city, setting up checkpoints and riding through the city center in black pickup trucks with heavy weapons mounted in the back. Security forces in Humvees deployed at intersections. Naqeeb al-Luaibi, a local activist, said protest organizers have decided to suspend the demonstrations after receiving death threats from Iran-backed militias. The militias accuse them of colluding with the U.S., which has long worked to curb Iranian influence in Iraq, allegations denied by the activists. □

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Swedish far-right party grows support, not by as much feared



People vote in polling booths during election day in Stockholm, Sunday Sept. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

By **PIETRO DECRISTOFARO**
JAN M. OLSEN

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Sweden's ruling party was headed for its worst showing in decades as voters flocked Sunday to an anti-immigrant party with white supremacist roots that was poised to become the third-biggest force in parliament.

With more than four-fifths of ballots counted, Sweden's national election commission reported the governing Social Democrats had

28.1 percent of the vote, making it likely to lose a significant number of seats despite emerging with the most support.

The Moderates party was next at 19.2 percent, while the far-right Sweden Democrats that before the election inspired fear of an anti-migrant backlash that would produce a dramatic ideological swing had 17.9 percent. The Sweden Democrats received 13 percent of vote in the last election held four years ago.

Both the left-leaning bloc

led by the Social Democrats and the center-right bloc have said they would refuse to consider the Sweden Democrats as a potential coalition partner. Sunday's election was the first in Sweden since its government in 2015 allowed 163,000 migrants into the Scandinavian country with a population of 10 million. The number was far lower than the asylum-seekers Germany accepted that year, but the highest per capita of any European nation. □

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Jewish group in Germany condemns 'strongly rooted' extremism

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — An attack on a kosher restaurant by masked neo-Nazis on the sidelines of an anti-migrant protest in an eastern German city shows there's a deep problem with right-wing extremism in the region and should be treated as a call to action, the head of Germany's Central Council of Jews said Sunday.

Josef Schuster, who had previously condemned the violent far-right protests in Chemnitz on Aug. 26 and 27 before the attack on the Jewish restaurant was even known, said "we need to call the problem by its name."

"The racist riots and the attack on the kosher restaurant in Chemnitz show how strongly rooted right-wing extremism is in the region," he said.

Hundreds of protesters took to the streets after a German man was stabbed and killed Aug. 26 after authorities say a verbal argument with migrant men escalated. An Iraqi and a Syrian have been arrested on manslaughter charges. That day several foreigners were injured after authorities said they were attacked in the streets.



People gather at the site of a deadly brawl in Koethen, 90 miles southwest of the German capital Berlin, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, after police has arrested two Afghan men on suspicion of killing a 22-year-old German man.

The next night, around 6,000 far-right protesters including neo-Nazis, members of the anti-migrant Alternative for Germany party and others clashed with counter-demonstrators. On the sidelines, masked protesters attacked the Shalom restaurant with rocks and bottles, injuring the owner while shouting "Jewish pig, get out of Germany."

The unrest following the killing has focused new attention on Chancellor Angela Merkel's decision

three years ago to allow hundreds of thousands of refugees into the country, straining its resources and hospitality beyond what some Germans considered acceptable. Anti-migrant sentiment has been particularly strong in Saxony, the state where Chemnitz is located. The nearby state capital of Dresden is home to the group Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, and the Alternative for Germany received almost a

quarter of the vote in Saxony last year.

The protests have also exposed a rift between Merkel and top security officials. Her domestic spy chief last week openly questioned her spokesman's statement that foreigners were "hunted" in the streets by the angry mob, saying he'd seen no credible evidence of it, and Interior Minister Horst Seehofer on Thursday expressed sympathy for the protesters.

"If I were not a minister, I'd

have gone to the streets as a citizen," Seehofer said, quickly adding: "Naturally, not together with the radicals." Schuster slammed the officials, without identifying any by name, saying that efforts to "obviously minimize the incidents make me seriously doubt the work of these authorities." "Attempts at appeasement and a lack of distancing from the right-populists play exactly into the hands of these forces," he said.

Saxony state Interior Minister Roland Woeller met Saturday with the owner of the Jewish restaurant, and assured him police were working intensively to "solve this abhorrent crime," the dpa news agency reported.

Police last week said they'd already identified six far-right protesters who gave the stiff-armed Hitler salute or committed other violations of Germany's statute banning the display of Nazi symbols during the protests. They said they were reviewing video evidence in dozens of other cases.

In an unrelated incident in the neighboring state of Saxony-Anhalt, police said two Afghan men, aged 18 and 20, were arrested in the killing of a 22-year-old German man. □

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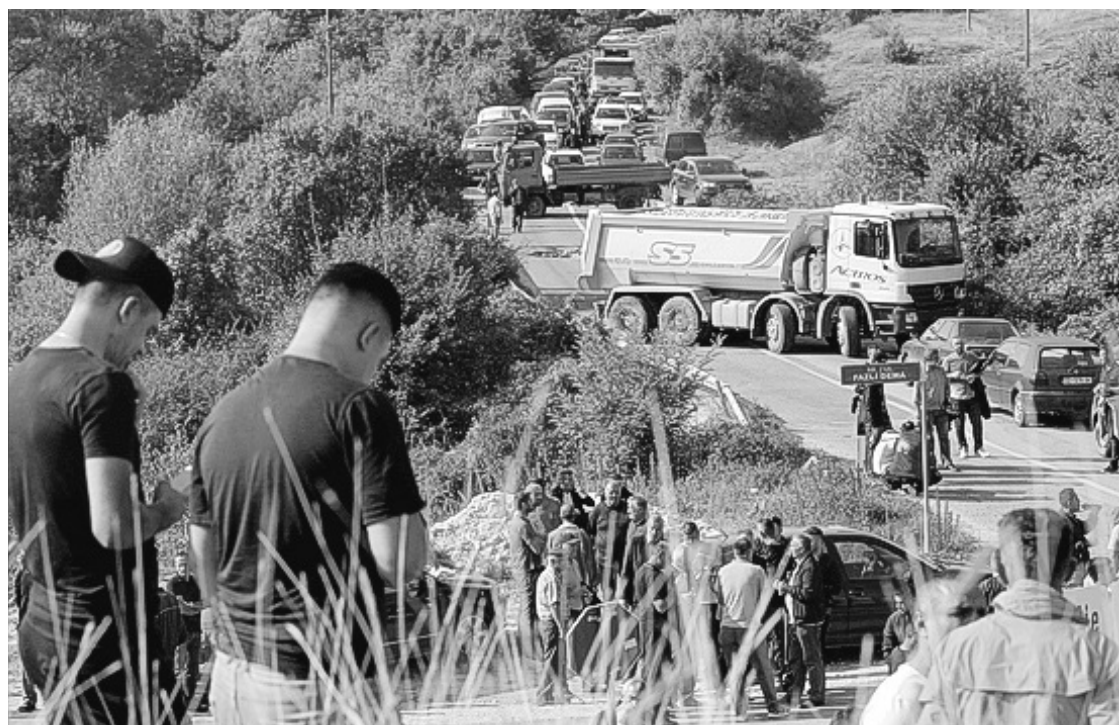
Kosovo Albanians block roads during Serbia president visit

By **RADUL RADOVANOVIC**
Associated Press

MITROVICA, Kosovo (AP) — Kosovo Albanians on Sunday blocked roads and burned tires on a planned route by Serbia's president in the former Serbian province, further fueling tensions between the two Balkan foes.

During his two-day trip, President Aleksandar Vucic planned to visit a Serb-populated village in central Kosovo on Sunday, but roads leading to the region were blocked by wooden logs, trucks and heavy machinery, preventing him from reaching his destination.

Vucic and his entourage were stopped by Kosovo police on the road to the Drenica region and were told they couldn't continue for security reasons. Drenica was in the scene of the first bloody crackdown by



Trucks are parked on the road at a roadblock in Vojtesh, Kosovo, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

Serb troops against ethnic Albanian separatists in 1998.

Kosovo President Hashim Thaci said that opposition by Kosovo's citizens to the

visit by Vucic is understandable, but he urged restraint for the sake of peace and reconciliation after the 1998-99 war.

Thaci said on his Facebook

page that the blockade "shows that the pain and war injuries are still fresh." Thaci added that as Kosovo and Serbia seek to mend ties, "the protests and road-

blocking don't help us."

"We should know to raise beyond ourselves, beyond the injuries and manifold pain," said Thaci, who was a rebel commander during the war.

"We should do this on behalf of peace and reconciliation."

Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj wrote on Facebook that he has "cancelled the permission issued by the Foreign Affairs Ministry for Serb President's visit to the Drenica zone."

"Citizens' security is above all," he added.

Vucic said gunfire could be heard from the roadblocks.

"I don't like guns, but we won't allow anyone to harass Serbs in Kosovo," Vucic said.

He did not indicate what kind of response he had in mind, but said that he won't call for the arming of Kosovo Serbs in retaliation. □

Syrian rescuers say government bombing kills infant



This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, shows a civil defense worker as smoke rises from a Syrian government airstrike, in Hobeit village, near Idlib, Syria, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

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BEIRUT (AP) — An infant girl was killed on Sunday as Syrian government forces bombed rebel-held villages in Idlib and Hama provinces, rescuers and a war monitoring group said.

Government and allied Russian forces have stepped up their bombing campaign against the Syrian opposition's last bastion in the country after a summit between Russia, Turkey, and Iran on Friday failed to bring about a settlement. On Sunday, government forces bombed the village

of Hobeit in Idlib province, killing an infant girl and wounding several other civilians, the Syrian Civil Defense search-and-rescue group reported.

Russia, Turkey, and Iran are all tied to the Syrian civil war. Russia and Iran have thrown their support behind President Bashar Assad's government to help crush the 2011 uprising that sparked the war. Turkey has intervened to supply Syria's rebels in the north and check the expansion of Kurdish self-rule along its borders. But the three bro-

kers have been careful to avoid direct conflict with each other.

Turkey's has 12 military outposts inside Idlib province, the core of the opposition's remaining territory.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Friday urged his counterparts to accept a cease-fire and avert a "bloodbath" in Idlib. But Russian President Vladimir Putin called for a "total annihilation of terrorists in Syria," while Iranian President Hassan Rouhani spoke of "cleansing the Idlib region of terrorists." □



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North Korea stresses economy, not nukes, on 70th anniversary

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea

(AP) — North Korea held a major military parade and revived its iconic mass games to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Sunday, but in keeping with leader Kim Jong Un's new policies the emphasis was firmly on building up the economy, not on nuclear weapons. The North rolled out some of its latest tanks and marched its best-trained goose-stepping units in the parade but held back its most advanced missiles and devoted nearly half of the event to civilian efforts to build the domestic economy.

It also brought the mass games back after a five-year hiatus. The games are a grand spectacle that features nearly 20,000 people flipping placards in unison to create huge mosaics as thousands more perform gymnastics or dance in formation on the competition area of Pyongyang's 150,000-seat May Day Stadium. The strong emphasis on the economy underscores the strategy Kim has pursued since January of putting economic development front and center. Tens of thousands of North Koreans waving brightly colored plastic bouquets filled Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square as the parade began. Residents of Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, trained for months for the anniversary and held up the bouquets to spell out words and slogans that can be seen from the VIP viewing area.

Kim attended the morning parade but did not address the assembled crowd, which included the head of the Chinese parliament



Participants cheer as they take part in a parade marking the 70th anniversary of North Korea's founding day in Pyongyang, North Korea, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

and high-level delegations from countries that have friendly ties with the North. At the end of the two-hour event he strolled to the edge of the balcony with the Chinese special envoy, Li Zhanshu, the third-ranking member in China's ruling Communist Party. The two held up their joined hands to symbolize the countries' traditionally close ties, though the absence of Chinese President Xi Jinping could indicate Beijing still has some reservations about Kim's initiatives. Senior statesman Kim Yong Nam, the head of North Korea's parliament, set the relatively softer tone for the parade with an opening speech that emphasized the economic goals of the regime, not its nuclear might. He called on the military to be ready to work to help build the economy. After a truncated parade featuring tanks and some of North Korea's biggest artillery, fewer than the usual

number of missiles and lots of goose-stepping units from all branches of the military, the focus switched to civilian groups ranging from nurses to students to construction workers, many with colorful floats beside them. The combining of military and civilian sections is a familiar North Korean parade format. The past two big anniversaries of North Korea's founding, in 2008 and 2013, did not feature the Korean People's Army, only the civil defense units, which are officially called "Worker Peasant Red Guards." Although North Korea

stages military parades almost every year, and held one just before the Olympics began in South Korea in February this year, Sunday's parade came at a particularly sensitive time. Kim's effort to ease tensions with President Donald Trump has stalled since their June summit in Singapore. Both sides are now insisting on a different starting point. Washington wants Kim to commit to denuclearization first, but Pyongyang wants its security guaranteed and a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War. With tensions once again

on the rise, a parade featuring the very missiles that so unnerved Trump last year, and led to a dangerous volley of insults from both leaders, could have been seen as a deliberate provocation. The North also refrained from immediately televising the event, though North Korean media were out in force to film it, deploying booms and — for possibly the first time — drones with cameras.

"This is a big and very positive statement from North Korea," Trump tweeted. "Thank you To Chairman Kim. We will both prove everyone wrong! There is nothing like good dialogue from two people that like each other! Much better than before I took office."

The North did show off a battery of big artillery pieces known as self-propelled guns that could be used to threaten Seoul, South Korea's capital. But the only types of missiles displayed were short-range surface-to-surface missiles, a surface-to-air missile and an anti-ship cruise missile. That's a big departure from February's parade, when it displayed its Hwasong-15 intercontinental ballistic missile, believed capable of reaching the U.S., and a number of other formidable missiles and the erector-launchers used to fire them off from remote locations. □

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People across Russia rally against raising pension age

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A government plan to increase the age for collecting state pensions brought protests across Russia's 11 time zones Sunday even though the opposition leader who called them was in jail. Nearly 300 people were reported arrested.

The plan calls for the eligibility age for retirement pensions to be raised by five years, to 65 for men and 60 for women. Opposition to it spans the political spectrum.

The rallies got started in the Far East and Siberia when it still was early morning in Moscow, where a downtown demonstration in the



Police officers block protestors during a rally in Moscow, Russia, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

afternoon ended in scuffles when riot police stopped participants from marching to the Kremlin.

Alexei Navalny, the anti-corruption activist who is President Vladimir Putin's most prominent foe, urged supporters to protest the pension proposal Sunday before he was sentenced to 30 days in jail for organizing an unsanctioned January protest involving a different issue.

Factory worker Olga Sokolova, 52, said she was "dumbfounded" when the proposal was introduced in June because she had hoped to retire from her physically taxing job at age 55.

"I can't keep being afraid anymore," she said of her decision to risk detention by showing up at Moscow's Pushkin Square for the protest that attracted several thousand people.

The demonstrators, predominantly people in their 20s and decades away from retirement, chanted "Russia without Putin" and

held signs with messages such as "Putin, when will you go on pension?"

They later marched toward Red Square and the Kremlin, chanting "Down with the czar!" as they passed the building of the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, and leisurely Muscovites enjoying a hot afternoon.

The group was eventually blocked by police barricades. Riot police observing from the sidelines charged the marchers with raised batons when some tried to rush through the barriers. The crowd dispersed half an hour later. Demonstrations took place throughout the sprawling country, from Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk on a Pacific island and in Kaliningrad, the Russian exclave between Poland and Lithuania.

Photos on social media and footage from Navalny's YouTube channel indicated most of the protests attracted 100 people at a minimum. In St. Petersburg, the crowd appeared to ex-

ceed 1,000. An Associated Press journalist counted at least 30 people detained at that protest.

The OVD-Info organization that monitors political repression reported that 291 people in all were detained in connection with the protests around the country. A lawyer for Navalny's Anti-Corruption Fund was arrested in Moscow before the rally there.

The largest number arrested was 58 in Yekaterinburg, OVD-Info said.

Raising the pension age is opposed both by older Russians, who fear they won't live long enough to collect significant benefits, and by young adults worried that keeping people in the workforce longer will limit their own employment opportunities.

"The reform is a robbery of my parents and grandparents. We're stealing our future, too. Right now the only thing we can do is protest," 24-year-old Igor Panov said at the Moscow demonstration.

"The state should have found the money it needed in the budget or through fighting corruption," 19-year-old Yegor Zhukov said at the St. Petersburg protest.

Popular opposition leader Yevgeny Roizman, who is a former mayor of Yekaterinburg, said on Twitter that a younger generation took the lead because middle-aged Russians were too scared to protest.

"My respect to those who took to the streets today, especially young people," said Roizman, who was briefly detained at the rally in Yekaterinburg. "I want to say this to older people: The young have to take the hit for us and come out because we don't." □



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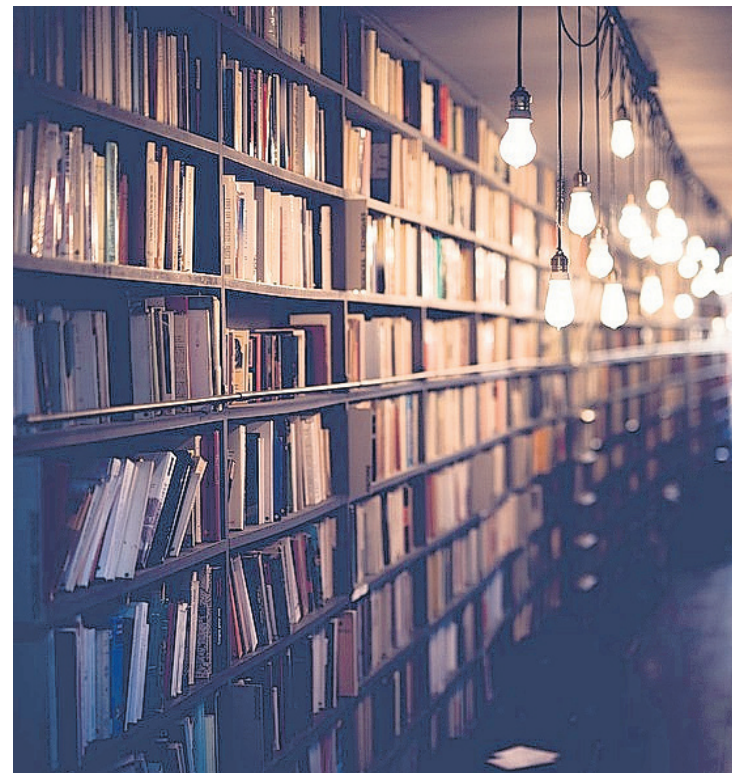
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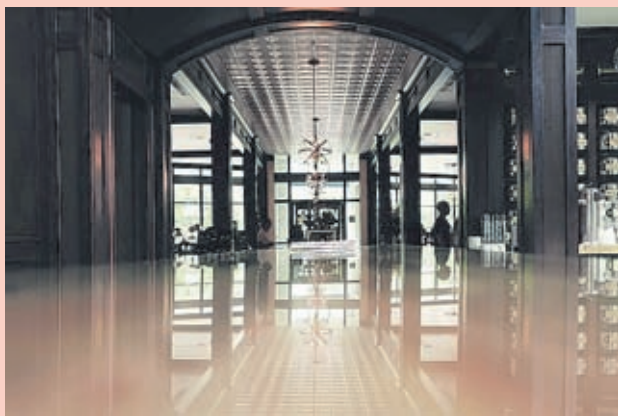
Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

Island life balance

Over the last few years, one comment that we have received consistently from our members, who have been coming since the resort opened is about the change in staff attitude. How positive, friendly and happy the staff is as compared to years previous. Not to say that they weren't before but there is definitely a noticeable change now and the main reason for that is an improved work/life balance.

A few years ago the government in a bid to increase job numbers and economic growth, decreed that hotel line employees should go from a 48 hour work week to a 40 hour work week.

The concept being that companies would then have to employ more people to cover the hours left on the table, it was supposed to stimulate the economy by having more people in the work force, who could then have spending power, which would in turn create more jobs in more sectors. Great plan, very vague on the execution. Many hotels capitalized on just how vague that was and found ways to manipulate and finagle employee hours to fit this new rule without having to take on extra bodies.



I don't blame them, corporations are always looking at their bottom line and more employees come at the cost of extra wages and benefits that they may not have budgeted for when the plan was introduced. A lot of companies took and are still taking their time to see how to implement the 40 hour work week in a fiscally feasible manner. Our resort actually became the first timeshare resort to go over to all line staff working a 40 hour work week, once we managed to figure out a way to give the housekeepers an additional day off, without impacting our very limited budget.

It's something that took a while to do, because as our members are our shareholders, we had to sell the plan to them, which isn't easy when most of our members work 50 or more hours a week at home. It was easy enough to do with other operational departments such as front desk, maintenance and security as they had to make slight adjustments or take on someone part time to fill the gaps or use contractors, but it was a harder sell for housekeeping, which is our biggest department. Many of the employees remind me of my mother, who spends her one day off doing as much housework as she possibly can on her day off and never really giving herself time to rest and re-energize for her next week of work.

Considering the work that the housekeepers do all day every day at work and then having to spend their one day home doing the same thing, plus whatever other responsibilities they have, was the tipping point in figuring out a way to get everyone across the board on a schedule that would allow them two days off. Obviously that decision has paid off in a positive way for both the employees, the resort and our guests..□



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

SPORTS



Justin Rose reacts after making a birdie putt on the fourth green during the third round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Aronimink in Newtown Square, Pa., Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

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Rose waits through a day of rain at BMW Championship

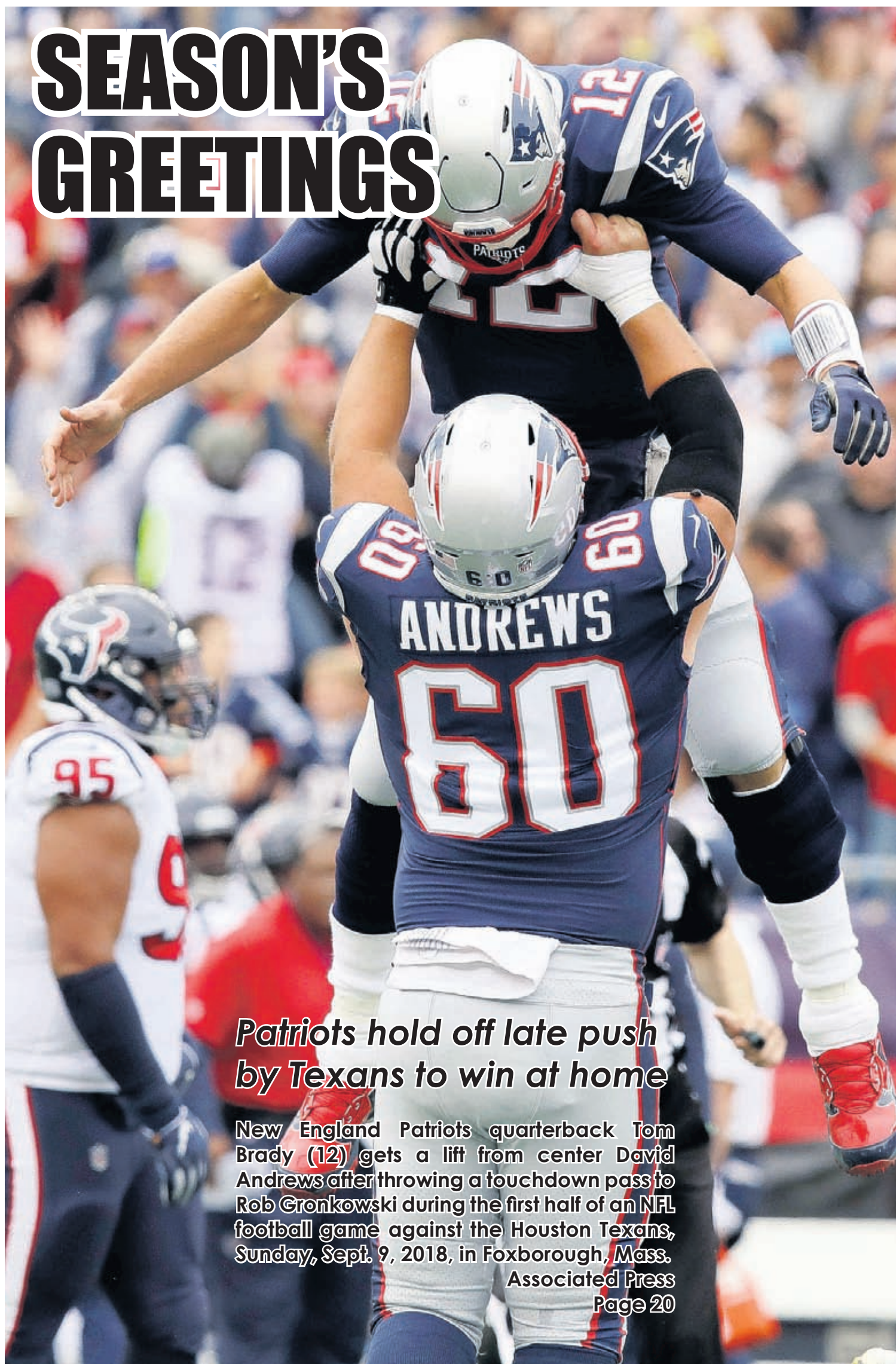
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NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Two putts began taking on more significance with each rain delay until there was no golf at all Sunday at the BMW Championship. Aronimink Golf Club already was saturated when a steady rain caused tiny streams and large puddles in the fairways, leaving the PGA Tour little choice but to wait until Monday to either play the final round or decide to cut short the third FedEx Cup playoff event to 54 holes. "We had a golf course we couldn't play," said Slugger White, the tour's vice president of competition. "We're shoveling sand against the tide."

Justin Rose was ahead by one shot, all because of one putt. He was tied with Xander Schauffele on the 18th hole of the third round Saturday when Schauffele's 8-foot par putt rimmed around the high side of the cup, giving him a bogey and Rose the lead.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Patriots hold off late push by Texans to win at home

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) gets a lift from center David Andrews after throwing a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski during the first half of an NFL football game against the Houston Texans, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

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Djokovic wins U.S. Open for 14th major, tying 'idol' Sampras

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Open final suddenly appeared to be slipping away from Novak Djokovic. He dropped three consecutive games. He was angered by a crowd roaring for his popular opponent, Juan Martin del Potro. He was, in short, out of sorts. And then came Sunday's pivotal game, a 20-minute, 22-point epic. Three times, del Potro was a point from breaking and earning the right to serve to make it a set apiece. Three times, Djokovic steeled himself. Eventually, he seized that game — and del Potro's best chance to make a match of it.

A year after missing the U.S. Open because of an injured right elbow that would require surgery, Djokovic showed that he is unquestionably back at his best and back at the top of tennis. His returns and defense-to-offense skills as impeccable as ever, Djokovic collected his 14th Grand Slam title and second in a row by getting through every crucial moment for a 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-3 victory over 2009 champion del Potro at Flushing Meadows.

This was Djokovic's third championship in New York, along with those in 2011 and 2015. Add in the trophies he has earned at six Australian Opens, one French Open and four Wimbledons, most recently in July, and the 31-year-old Serb pulled even with Pete Sampras for the third-most majors among men, trailing only Roger Federer's 20 and Rafael Nadal's 17.

"I was hoping he was going to be here, but he's not," Djokovic said about Sampras. "He's my idol. Pete, I love you."

Federer lost in the fourth round in New York, while Nadal retired from his semi-final against del Potro because of a bad right knee. That put the 29-year-old Argentine back in a Grand Slam final for the first time since his breakthrough nine years ago, a comeback for a guy who had four wrist

operations in the interim.

"I'd just like to congratulate Juan Martin ... for still having faith, for still having belief in himself," said Djokovic, who gave his pal a hug at the net, and then went over to console del Potro as he wiped away tears at his sideline seat. "I believe he'll be here again with the champion's trophy. I really do."

Del Potro spoke this week about the low point, in 2015, when he considered quitting the sport. But supported by a dozen or so friends from back home, whose "Ole!" choruses rang around the arena, he climbed up the rankings to a career-high No. 3 by thundering his 100 mph (160 kph) forehands and 135 mph (215 kph) serves. Those produce free points against so many foes. Not against Djokovic, who always seemed to have all the answers.

Djokovic was better than del Potro on their many lengthy exchanges, using his trademark body-twisting, limb-splaying court coverage to get to nearly every ball, sneakers squeaking around the blue court in Arthur Ashe Stadium, where the roof was closed because of rain. The game went so long that when it ended, with Djokovic holding to 4-all, spectators began leaving their seats, perhaps thinking it was time for a changeover, even though it wasn't. That prompted to chair umpire Alison Hughes to chastise them.

It was a brief request, though, unlike her many other pleas for quiet, mainly as fans were shouting and chanting and clapping in support of del Potro. It all bothered Djokovic, who started yelling and gesturing toward the seats. At one moment, he pressed his right index finger to his lips, as if to say, "Shhhh-hhh!" Later, after winning a point, Djokovic put that finger to his ear, as if to say, "Who are you cheering for now?!"

The tiebreaker was resolved thanks to more del

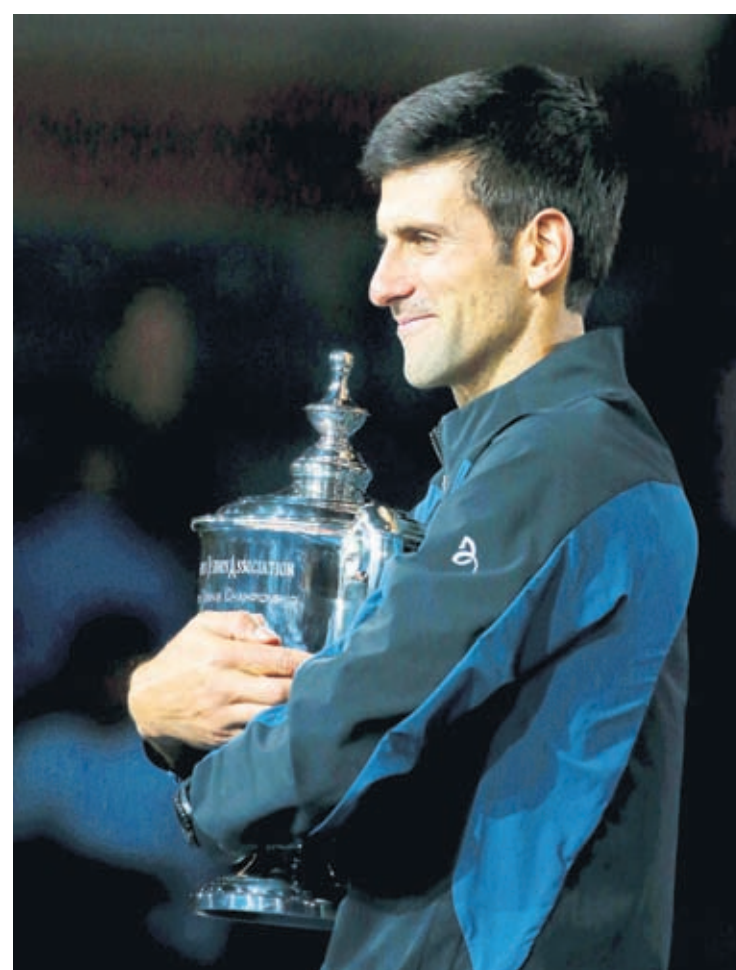
Potro miscues on his forehand side, as he looked more and more fatigued. He made one last stand by breaking and holding for 3-all. But that was that.

When it ended, thanks to a three-game closing run by Djokovic, he flung his racket away and landed on his back, arms and legs spread wide.

"Of course I'm sad I (lost)," del Potro said. "But I'm happy for Novak and his team. They deserve to win."

Djokovic had never gone through an extended absence himself until 2017, when he sat out the second half of the season because of elbow pain that had plagued him for more than a year. He tried to return at the start of this season, but couldn't, and decided to have surgery in February.

It took him some time to find the right form, as evidenced by his quarterfinal loss at the French Open to a guy who was ranked 72nd and had never won a Grand Slam match until that tournament. Djokovic got right back to work,



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, holds the championship trophy after defeating Juan Martin del Potro, of Argentina, in the men's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in New York.

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though, and announced himself by winning at that he was, once more, Wimbledon. □



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New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) fumbles the ball after catching a pass as Houston Texans defensive backs Kareem Jackson, rear, and Tyrann Mathieu (32) defend during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass.

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Brady, Gronk open season with 27-20 win over Texans

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Pro Football Writer
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)

— Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski sent New England fans into a panic this offseason when they hinted at retiring rather than returning to the Patriots in 2018.

On Sunday, it was the rest of the NFL watching in fear. Brady threw for 277 yards and three touchdowns, hitting Gronkowski for 123 yards and a score to lead the defending AFC champions to a 27-20 vic-

tory over the Houston Texans. The reigning NFL MVP found Gronkowski seven times, including a 21-yard touchdown three plays after Deshaun Watson fumbled a handoff at the Texans 19 on Houston's first offensive play. "It's very important that they came out and played the way they did. They're our leaders," said Phillip Dorsett, who had seven catches, including a touchdown. "When they play well, they give an adrenaline boost to the rest of the team."

Brady, 41, clashed with the team he's led to five Super Bowl titles in the past year over the treatment of his personal fitness guru and the plans to elevate backup Jimmy Garoppolo to starter. In February, after throwing for 500 yards in a Super Bowl loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, Brady was coy about returning this season.

The Patriots dangled Gronkowski as trade bait this summer before agreeing instead to sweeten his contract with \$4.3 million in reachable incentives. Gronkowski reportedly threatened to retire if traded. "I'm just glad to be here, glad to be part of this team, glad to be part of this organization," he said. "All that talk, all that stuff, I would love to put it in the past." Brady also found James White for a touchdown, completing 26 of 39 passes in all; he also had an interception on a pass that was tipped at the line of scrimmage. It was Gronkowski's 31st career regular-season or playoff game of 100 yards or more, tying Tony Gonzalez's NFL record.

"We've been playing together for a long time," Brady said. "I know his body language. I know his ability to run and what routes. He can do it. He can do really all the routes. It's just a matter of giving him a chance, and it came with a big touchdown today."

Watson, who missed the final nine games last season

with a torn right ACL, completed 17 of 35 passes for 176 yards, one score and one interception. He struggled to move the team in the first 40 minutes, managing just a pair of field-goal drives before Alfred Blue ran it in from 1 yard to make it 24-13 in the last two minutes of the third period. A muffed punt by New England's Riley McCarron with under five minutes left set up Watson's 5-yard TD pass to Bruce Ellington and cut the deficit to 27-20. But after getting the ball back at their 1 with 43 seconds left, the Texans failed to reach midfield.

"I think it was terrible, on my part," Watson said. "I just feel like you can put the 'L' on me."

With Julian Edelman serving a four-game suspension, Dorsett caught seven passes for 66 yards, including a 4-yard TD pass in the closing seconds of the first half to make it 21-6. White had four receptions for 38 yards, including a 12-yard score.

Lamar Miller ran 20 times for 98 yards for Houston, which welcomed Watson, defensive lineman J.J. Watt and linebacker Whitney Mercilus back from injuries. Watt had two quarterback hurries, but D.J. Reader had the only two sacks of Brady, both late.

"It's good to play a full game to know it lasts, to know it holds up," said Watt, a three-time defensive player of the year. "I didn't think about it once. So, that's all you can ask for." It was Watson who felt the pressure the rest of the game. The second-year quarterback, who threw for 301 yards in a 36-33 loss to New England last year in his second NFL start, botched a handoff with Miller in the first quarter, setting up the Patriots up for their first touchdown. In the second quarter, Watson inexplicably chucked the ball into the end zone for a double-covered Vyncint Smith on a second-and-3 from the New England 42. □

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Jerseys on, wallets open as sports betting meets NFL season

By WAYNE PARRY
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)

— Football fans had their jerseys on and their wallets open as pro football season arrived in places where sports betting is newly legal. New Jersey won a landmark U.S. Supreme Court case in May that clears the way for all 50 states to offer legal sports betting if they choose.

There was an hourlong wait in line to place bets at Atlantic City's Ocean Resort Casino as kickoff approached Sunday.

Chris Matthews of Clementon, New Jersey, put \$50 each on the Cleveland Browns, New England Patriots and Green Bay Packers, reasoning that all three have strong defenses. Their defense was good last year, even though they didn't win a game, and they were on TV this pre-season, and I think that has them fired up," he said, referring to the HBO foot-



Football fans wait for kickoff in the sports betting lounge at the Ocean Resort Casino in Atlantic City, N.J., where an hour-long line of gamblers waiting to place bets stretched onto the casino floor as kickoff approached on Sunday Sept. 9, 2018, the first full day of NFL football since New Jersey began offering sports betting in June.

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ball themed series "Hard Knocks" that featured the Browns.

"The Patriots are angry they lost the Super Bowl last year, so they'll come

out strong today, and the Packers have Aaron Rodgers back this year after be-

ing hurt last year." Robert Stovall of Rahway, New Jersey, put \$100 on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Clad in a throwback Keyshawn Johnson jersey, he rattled off statistics and predictions for almost the entire Bucs roster in rationalizing a \$100 bet on them to win despite being 10-point underdogs. Phil Henderson of Mahwah, New Jersey, put \$500 on the other side of that game, picking the New Orleans Saints to win. It was his first legal bet on football, and he said he likes doing so with a regulated casino better than with a bookie, whose offer of credit can easily get gamblers in over their heads. "The money's all up front here; you know what you're betting and you're not running an account or a tab, losing money you don't have," he said. Other states where sports betting is currently being offered include Nevada, Delaware, Mississippi, and West Virginia. □

BMW Championship

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Rose can go to No. 1 in the world for the first time in his career with a victory, making him the 22nd player to reach the top since the ranking began in 1986. He also would be the No. 2 seed behind Bryson DeChambeau among the top 30 who advance to the Tour Championship in two weeks, giving him a clear shot at the \$10 million prize. Keegan Bradley might be there, too, all because of one putt.

Bradley left his 50-foot birdie putt about 7 feet short on the 18th hole Saturday. He made that for par to fin-

ish the third round in sixth place, three shots out of the lead. That projects him to move up 22 spots into the 30th position in the FedEx Cup, which would bump out Jordan Spieth. Still to be determined was whether another shot is hit — or enough of them. "We will do everything we can to play tomorrow," White said.

The forecast was for light, scattered showers Monday morning, with thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. The hope was that the rain would be light enough to play, and the thunderstorms would be slow to develop.



Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt for a birdie on the fourth green during the BMW Championship golf tournament at the Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa., Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

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The first tee time was scheduled for 7:30 a.m. The

last group was to tee off at 8:50 a.m.

If the final round starts Monday and more than half the field completes the round, the BMW Championship would go into Tuesday if necessary to finish. If not, the final round could be scrapped and the 54-hole scores would stand.

Rory McIlroy birdied three of his last six holes, the last one on No. 18 from 40 feet, to finish one shot behind. He'd like another crack at Rose. So would Schauffele, who believes winning might be his only hope of persuading Jim Furyk to take him with the last captain's pick for the U.S. Ryder Cup team. Otherwise, all signs point to Finau, who was six

shots out of the lead.

The pick was to be announced a short time after the BMW Championship ends, whenever it ends.

Tiger Woods, meanwhile was five shots behind after a 66 in the third round that didn't allow him to make up any ground on the lead. He still was set for to be at the Tour Championship for the first time since 2013.

No one needs to play Monday as much as Spieth.

He had to rally for a 66 on Saturday, and while he was 11 shots out of the lead, another round would give him a chance to move back into the top 30, avoid violating a new policy and save the PGA Tour a headache. □

Williams: Umpire treated her differently than a male player

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams thought she was treated more harshly by the chair umpire in the U.S. Open final than a man would have been.

Williams was cited by official Carlos Ramos for three code violations during her 6-2, 6-4 loss to Naomi Osaka on Saturday: for getting coaching signals; for breaking her racket, which cost her a point; and for calling the chair umpire a thief, which cost her a game.

"I've seen other men call other umpires several things. I'm here fighting for women's rights and for women's equality and for all kinds of stuff.

For me to say 'thief,' and for him to take a game, it made me feel like it was a sexist remark. He's never taken a game from a man because they said 'thief,'" Williams said at her news conference.

"For me, it blows my mind," Williams said. "But I'm going to continue to fight for women."

Earlier, as Williams pleaded her case on court with tournament referee Brian Earley, calling the penalties unfair, she said: "Because you're a woman, you're going to take this away from me?"



Serena Williams talks with referee Brian Earley during the women's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament against Naomi Osaka, of Japan, Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, in New York.

"There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things," Williams said, "and because they are men, that doesn't happen."

Two-time Australian Open champion and two-time U.S. Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka backed up Williams' stance, writing on Twitter: "If it was men's match, this wouldn't happen like this. It just wouldn't!" Billie Jean King, who won

12 Grand Slam singles titles and helped found the women's tennis tour and pave the way for equal prize money in the sport, also commented via Twitter on what happened Saturday.

"Several things went very wrong during" the match, King wrote. "Coaching on every point should be allowed in tennis. It isn't, and as a result, a player was

penalized for the actions of her coach. This should not happen."

In a second tweet, King said: "When a woman is emotional, she's 'hysterical' and she's penalized for it. When a man does the same, he's 'outspoken' & and there are no repercussions. Thank you (Serena Williams) for calling out this double standard.

More voices are needed to

do the same."

There have been a series of recent happenings that illustrate the ways in which tennis does do things differently for men and women. Just before the U.S. Open, the French tennis federation president said that the black catsuit worn this year by Williams at the French Open would not be allowed at that tournament in the future.

During the U.S. Open, a female player, Alize Cornet, was incorrectly admonished by a chair umpire for changing her shirt during a match, which is allowed — and which men do all the time.

And the U.S. Tennis Association created a new rule last week that allows for a 10-minute break in men's matches when the heat and humidity are too harsh; previously, only women were given that chance for a delay.

"I just feel like the fact that I have to go through this is just an example for the next person that has emotions, and that want to express themselves, and want to be a strong woman.

They're going to be allowed to do that because of today," Williams said. "Maybe it didn't work out for me, but it's going to work out for the next person." □

Athletes from the Americas win Continental Cup

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic

(AP) — The athletes from the Americas won the Continental Cup on Sunday, dethroning defending champion Europe.

Leading overnight, Team Americas finished on 262 points after winning 18 of the 37 events in the two-

day competition, beating Team Europe (233) by 29 points. Team Asia-Pacific was third on 188 and Team Africa last on 142.

The Continental Cup, previously known as the World Cup, gathers four continental teams with two athletes from each team in each event, except the relays.

After winning the triple jump on Saturday, Caterine Ibarguen of Colombia added another victory for the Americas with 6.93 meters in the women's long jump. Olympic and world champion Christian Taylor of the United States leapt 17.59 to dominate the men's triple jump and

American sprinter Noah Lyles was fastest in the men's 100 meters in 10.01. Paul Chelimo of the United States clocked 7:57.13 to win the men's 3,000 and his fellow countryman Sam Kendricks cleared 5.85 to take the men's pole vault. Olympic 400-meter champion Shaunae Miller-Uibo of Bahamas won the women's 200 in 22.16, while Janieve Russell of Jamaica claimed the women's 400 hurdles in 53.62. In the final unusual event, Team Americas won the 4x400 mixed relay with Taylor and Miller-Uibo part of the winning team.

The Continental Cup takes place every four years. □



Caterine Ibarguen of Colombia competes to win the women's triple jump for the Americas at the IAAF track and field Continental Cup in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

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Groupama's Team Thibaut Pinot of France, in the last meters before winning the the 15th stage between Ribera de Arriba and Lagos de Covadonga, 178.2 kilometers (110.72 miles), of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race that finishes in Lagos de Covadonga, northern Spain, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

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Pinot dominates Covadonga climb to win Vuelta's 15th stage

LAGOS DE COVADONGA, Spain (AP) — Thibaut Pinot won the challenging 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta with a dominant charge on the iconic climb into Lagos de Covadonga on Sunday, while Simon Yates stayed close and added a few seconds to his overall lead. Pinot broke away under dense fog with about 6 kilometers (3.7 miles) to go and the Groupama-FDJ rider held on for an impressive victory after a 178.2-kilometer (110.7-mile) ride through the Picos de Europa mountains in northern Spain.

He crossed the line 28 seconds in front of Miguel Angel Lopez and 30 seconds ahead of Yates. Alejandro Valverde was fourth, 32 seconds off the lead. "I went for this victory, it feels really good," said Pinot, who already had career wins in the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France. "I was obsessed with winning on all three Grand Tours and I've just done it." Yates, who made several breakaway attempts near the top, gained six seconds on Valverde, increasing his overall lead to 26 seconds. □

Tour de France champion Thomas signs new Team Sky contract

LONDON (AP) — Tour de France champion Geraint Thomas has ended speculation over his future by signing a new three-year contract with Team Sky. The 32-year-old Thomas, whose previous deal was set to expire at the end of 2018, had been the subject of interest from other teams. However, the Welshman has decided to stay with the British team and is now contracted through to the 2021 season. "I'm pleased it's sorted and delighted to be staying with the team," Thomas told Team Sky. "It's working really well for me here and I'm excited about what's still to come." Thomas, who picked up Olympic gold medals in team pursuit in 2008 and 2012, finally triumphed at this year's Tour de France, having spent much of his career playing a supporting role to the likes of former champions Bradley Wiggins and Chris Froome. □

Porter outpoints Garcia to take WBC welterweight title

By DENIS P. GORMAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Shawn Porter says he doesn't often make predictions. Maybe he should. Leading up to Saturday night's WBC welterweight championship fight against Danny Garcia, Porter vowed to win the title. He lived up to his word by unanimously outpointing Garcia.

Porter (29-2-1) received winning scores of 116-112 from judge Don Ackerman, and Julie Lederman and Eric Marinski had it 115-113. Porter held the IBF welterweight title from December 2013 to August 2014.

"I made a prediction and a hard one to live up to," Porter said.

"I said I wasn't leaving New York without this belt, and I'm not leaving New York without this belt."

Garcia dropped to 34-2.

"I thought I did enough to win. It was a close fight," Garcia said. "The judges didn't give it to me."

Prior to Thursday afternoon's final press conference, Porter said he planned on using his movement to open up Garcia, while acknowledging he had to be wary of being caught in clinches or backed along the ropes. He proved prescient, as almost from the outset, Garcia's plan of attack was to neutralize Porter's movement with clinches. Much of the first six rounds saw the two essentially engaged in a wrestling match.

It took until seventh for the fight to develop flow.

The round began with referee Steve Willis calling for a timeout after Porter and Garcia bumped heads 29 seconds in, and the two exchanged heavy shots for the remaining 2:31.

Porter, the aggressor, had Garcia, the counterpuncher, forced into an aggressive fight.

It stayed that way for the remainder, although Garcia began to re-implement clinches in the 10th round as a way to slow Porter.



Shawn Porter gestures to supporters after a WBC welterweight championship boxing match against Danny Garcia, Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, in New York. Porter won the fight.

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It nearly worked. Garcia landed a higher percentage of punches (36 to 24) and a higher percentage of power punches (46 to 25), but Porter threw more punches (742-472) and more power punches (544-304).

As a result, Porter now has the title that had been vacated by Keith Thurman.

"This title means a lot to me," Porter said.

It's unclear who Porter will face next, although both he and current IBF welterweight champion Errol Spence Jr. seem interested in a unification fight.

Spence was in attendance and challenged Porter immediately afterward.

"The same way you called Danny out, I'm going to call you out," Spence said. "I think I'm the best welterweight in the division. I'm the truth and I guarantee you I come home as the unified champion."

Porter sounded excited at

the prospect.

"I'm ready," Porter said. "This is going to be the easiest fight to make."

Along with Spence, there's also Garcia, who laid out his argument for a rematch. "I thought I landed the cleaner shots," said Garcia. "I thought I won this fight."

Porter could also meet Yordenis Ugas, who won a unanimous decision in the WBC welterweight eliminator over Cesar Barrionuevo which served as the semi-main event.

Judges John McKaie and Kevin Morgan each scored the fight 120-108 for Ugas, while Tom Schreck had Ugas ahead 119-109.

"I showed enough.

Now I'm ready for a championship fight," said Ugas, who landed 199 of 564 punches.

"I want the winner of Danny Garcia versus Shawn Porter. I'm here to compete with the top guys in the sport." □

Twitter's Alex Jones ban: Blip in sea of abuse?

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY** and **RYAN NAKASHIMA**

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter's decision to permanently ban conspiracy-slinger Alex Jones shows it's serious about enforcing its policy against abuse. But it has a long way to go.

Along with Facebook and other tech companies, Twitter sees promise in using artificial intelligence to rid its service of objectionable posts, photos and videos. To this end, CEO Jack Dorsey said repeatedly during congressional hearings on Wednesday that he does not want to place the burden of reporting abuse on the victims. Instead, he said Twitter is committed to developing automated tools that could delete abusive posts even without an actual person making a complaint, which is the only way Twitter takes down such posts now.

But as the Alex Jones ban shows, even the human moderators that social media companies employ have trouble drawing clear lines around what counts as harassment and abuse rather than humor or healthy debate. How could artificial intelligence do better, when it is still well behind humans in understanding the nuances of language?

Twitter said Thursday it has permanently banned Jones and his Infowars show for "abusive behavior," referencing videos posted Wednesday that showed him berating CNN journalist Oliver Darcy for some 10 minutes between two congressional hearings on social media.

Facebook, meanwhile, has yet to remove similar videos from Jones's personal



In this Sept. 5, 2018, file photo conspiracy theorist Alex Jones speaks outside of the Dirksen building of Capitol Hill after listening to Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey testify before the Senate Intelligence Committee on 'Foreign Influence Operations and Their Use of Social Media Platforms' on Capitol Hill in Washington.

page, even though it has banned Infowars and other pages owned by Jones last month and suspended Jones himself for 30 days, a time-out that has just ended. Facebook said it will continue to review complaints and take action in line with its community standards, but the company didn't say why Jones is still allowed on the service. On Twitter and elsewhere, Jones has behaved badly before — calling survivors of a shooting in Parkland, Florida, "crisis actors" and saying the mass killing at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012 was fake. Videos of the latest exchange show Jones calling Darcy "a possum that climbed out of the rear end of a dead cow," referencing his "skinny jeans" and repeatedly saying, "just look at this guy's eyes" and "look at that smile."

Twitter had previously suspended Jones for a week, but had resisted muzzling him further until now. One of Twitter's executives once called the service the "free

speech wing of the free speech party." Other tech companies, including YouTube, Apple and Spotify, have limited Jones by suspending him for longer periods and by taking down his pages and podcasts. But this time, Twitter went a step further, saying it will continue to monitor reports about other accounts potentially associated with Jones or Infowars and will "take action" if it finds any attempts to circumvent the ban. Jones had about 900,000 followers on Twitter. Infowars had about 430,000. In a voicemail left with The Associated Press, Jones expressed disbelief that the incident with Darcy could have led to his ban. "He says horrible lies about me and edits things I've said," Jones said. "He's the one that's been abusing me." Darcy referred questions to a CNN spokeswoman, who offered no comment. Democratic U.S. Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey praised Twitter's action in a tweet. "Glad Twitter is taking steps to put an end to

the abusive behavior from Alex Jones & Infowars," the tweet stated. "Tweets designed to threaten, belittle, demean and silence individuals have no place on this platform."

Critics said there was still a lack of transparency about how large services carry out their policies. Media Matters for America, a non-profit dedicated to criticizing conservative media outlets, said the move was "about time" but also noted the behavior was "par for the course" for Jones.

David Greene, civil liberties director for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said Jones' ban is almost a distraction to a real debate he believes people should have about how posts should be moderated on services controlled by just a few giant companies.

"Whether the stuff he posted yesterday really crossed the line, as opposed to other stuff, I don't know," Greene said.

The EFF believes that social media companies should disclose the number of en-

forcement actions and offer clear explanations to people on when and why their posts are removed. The group also believes there should be an appeal process. Critics on Twitter itself drew attention to the timing of the move.

"Alex Jones was allowed to harass Sandy Hook parents for six years with no repercussions," tweeted Nick Jack Pappas, a comedy writer in New York. "He harassed Jack Dorsey for one day and was banned from Twitter."

Jones heckled Darcy in a Capitol Hill hallway where reporters were waiting to enter the House hearing room at which Dorsey was to appear. Earlier that day, Jones apparently attempted to chase Dorsey out of the building.

On his Facebook page, Jones has posted a video that included some of the exchange with Darcy Thursday afternoon. Posts later in the afternoon acknowledged his ban on Twitter and urged his followers to find him elsewhere online. □



With industry in decline, wild blueberries sing the blues

By PATRICK WHITTLE

Associated Press

DEBLOIS, Maine (AP) —

In the era of superfoods, Maine blueberries aren't so super.

The Maine wild blueberry industry harvests one of the most beloved fruit crops in New England, but it's locked in a downward skid in a time when other nutrition-packed foods, from acai to quinoa, dominate the conversation about how to eat. And questions linger about when, and if, the berry will be able to make a comeback.

The little blueberries are touted by health food bloggers and natural food stores because of their hefty dose of antioxidants. They're also deeply ingrained in the culture of New England, and they were the inspiration for the beloved 1948 children's book "Blueberries for Sal." But the industry that picks and sells them is dealing with a long-term price drop, drought, freezes, diseases and foreign competition, and farmers are looking at a second consecutive year of reduced crop size.

At Beech Hill Blueberry Farm in Rockport, this year's harvest was off by about 50 percent, said Ian Stewart, who runs the land trust that manages the farm.



In this Friday, Aug. 24, 2018, photo, a worker pours wild blueberries into a tray at a farm in Union, Maine.

"Our year was a little underwhelming. There was a lot of drought. There was a freeze at a bad time," Stewart said. "We're hoping it's a blip. We'll see." North America's wild blueberry industry exists only in Maine and Atlantic Canada, and an oversupply of berries in both places caused prices to plummet around 2015. Recent years have brought new challenges, such as particularly bad spells of mummy berry disease, a

fungal pathogen, and difficulty in opening up new markets.

The blueberries grow wild, as the name indicates, in fields called "blueberry barrens" that stretch to the horizon in Maine's rural Down East region. While the plumper cultivated blueberries harvested in states like New Jersey are planted and grown as crops, harvesters of wild blueberries tend to a naturally occurring fruit and pick it by hand and with machinery.

Woes in the industry have caused some growers to scale back operations in Maine. Harvesters collected a little less than 68 million pounds of wild blueberries in the state in 2017, which was the lowest total since 2005 and more than 33 million pounds less than 2016. Last year's price of 26 cents per pound to farmers was also the lowest since 1985, and was more in line with the kind of prices farmers saw in the early 1970s than in the modern era.

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This year's harvest was mostly wrapped by late August, a little earlier than usual, and members of the industry said they believe it was another year of lower harvest. Exact totals aren't available yet, but signs point to a crop that's "similar to last year, or even smaller," said Nancy McBrady, executive director of the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine.

The industry has tried to focus on growing the appeal of the health aspects of wild blueberries, which are richer in antioxidants than their cultivated cousins, but it has been a slow climb, McBrady said.

Nearly 100 percent of the wild crop is frozen, and the berries are used in frozen and processed foods. Prices to consumers at farm stands and grocery stores have held about steady in the face of falling prices to harvesters. The same berries are harvested in Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, and the weakness of the Canadian dollar has also hurt the U.S. industry because Canadian berries sell for less. Some companies operate on both sides of the border, and an equal exchange rate is better for business. □

Trump warns of 'devastating' taxes on Canadian cars

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Donald Trump said Friday he does not want to hurt Canada's economy but also warned that if he imposes taxes on cars it would be "devastating" for the neighboring country.

"If I tax cars coming in from Canada, it would be devastating. But I don't want to do that," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One. "I do use that as leverage in negotiating, where they don't want to give us some points. I say, that's ok, I'd rather tax your cars coming in, and I win a lot of points because of it."

Trump spoke on route to Fargo, North Dakota, while

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland was meeting in Washington with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. They have been trying to reach a deal that would allow Canada to remain in a North American trade bloc with the U.S. and Mexico. After a two-hour meeting, Freeland told reporters that "you could say at this very intense point that we are really in a continuous negotiation."

Freeland did not say whether the negotiations would continue later Friday or next week. Lighthizer plans to see European Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström next week



Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, talks to reporters outside the United States Trade Representative building in Washington, Friday Sept. 7, 2018.

in Brussels. Larry Kudlow, top economic adviser to Trump, told Fox Business Network on Friday morning

that U.S. access to Canada's protected dairy market is the single issue holding up the negotiations. □

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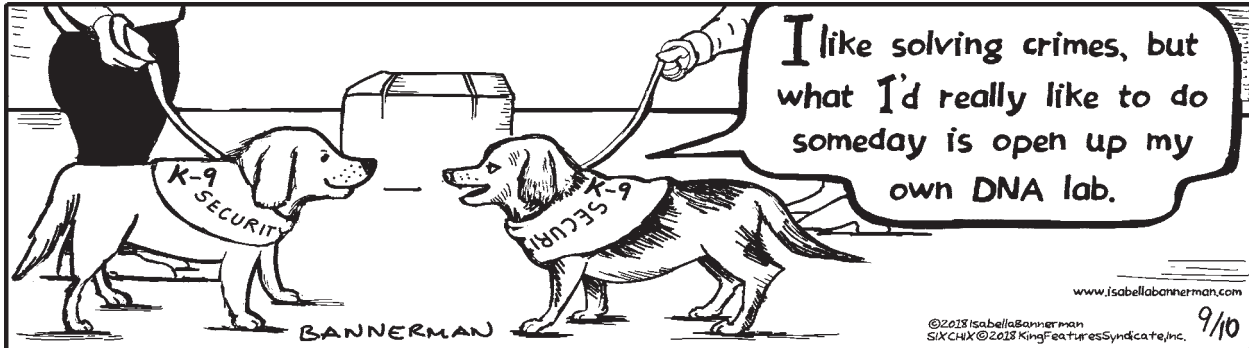
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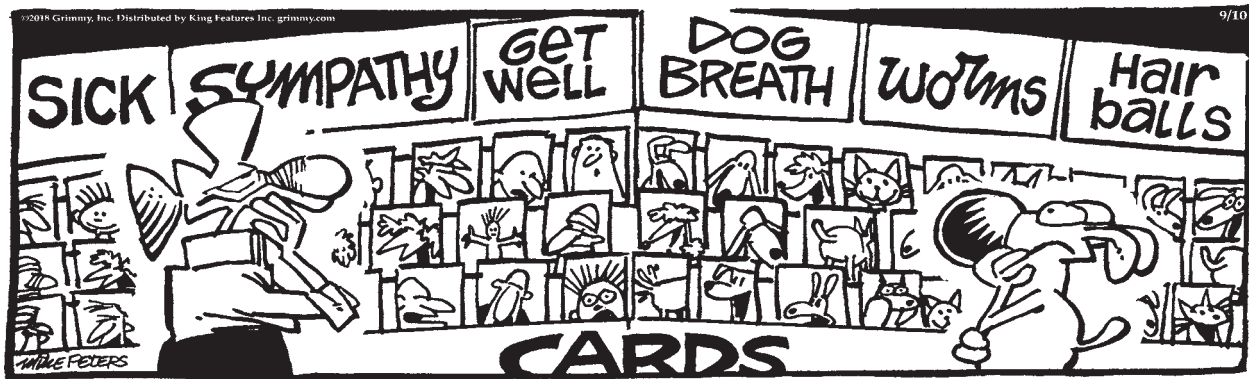
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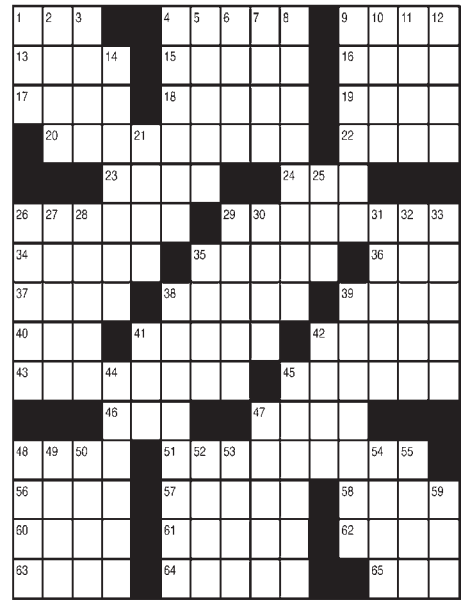
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- Think a ___ of; admire
- Sooty residue
- ___ Louie; "King of Salads"
- Singles
- Short-tailed weasel
- Give a job to
- Word to a pest
- Sicker than before
- Large trees
- Get rid of
- Forty winks
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- Angry scolding
- Vulnerable
- Rehearsal
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- Compete
- Refuse to grant a request
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Vane direction
- Spires
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- Make angry
- Upper limbs
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- Injure by manhandling
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- Guitarist Van Halen
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- Skating ovals
- Despised
- ___-present; always around
- Chris of tennis
- Military blockade
- Man in a casa
- Neighbor of Wyo.
- Brutality
- ___ mad; enraged
- Nocturnal bird
- Collapse
- Animals with stripes
- 20th-century U.S. president
- ___ Haute, IN
- ___ on; trampled
- Dry streambed
- Wrought ___ fence
- Breakfast or lunch
- Arrestee's hope
- Enjoy a long bath
- Enormous
- Unpleasant spouse



In this Thursday, April 19, 2018 file photo, Founder and chairman of Alibaba Jack Ma leaves a signing ceremony of the memorandums of understanding linked to the investment in the country in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

Report: Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma to retire

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The New York Times is reporting that Jack Ma, the co-founder and executive chairman of Chinese e-commerce behemoth Alibaba Group, is retiring. The Times said that in an interview, Ma said he planned to step down as executive chairman on Monday to pursue philanthropy in education. He will remain on Alibaba's board of directors. Ma started Alibaba in 1999 in his apartment in the Chi-

nese city of Hangzhou and is now among the richest people in the world. The company went public on the New York Stock Exchange in 2014 and has a market value of about \$421 billion. It's the world's biggest e-commerce company by total value of the merchandise sold across its platforms, which include Taobao and TMall. Alibaba did not immediately respond to a request for comment. □



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Have you herd? Moose, bighorn sheep pass on migration tips

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NEW YORK (AP) — Looking for the best place to eat? Ask a local. Now scientists say that same insider knowledge shapes the springtime migrations of moose and bighorn sheep. Animals learn from experienced members of the herd about where to find the best food, building sort of a cultural know-how that's passed through generations and improves over the course of decades, new research indicates.

While scientists have speculated before that this happens in hoofed animals, this is the first conclusive test of the idea, said Matthew Kauffman, a U.S. Geological Survey researcher who was part of the study released Thursday by the journal Science.

Researchers tracked the movements of 267 bighorn sheep and 189 moose in Wyoming, Idaho and South Dakota that wore GPS devices on collars. They used satellite data to track where and when vegetation along the migration routes reached the stage



In this April 12, 2016 file photo, bighorn sheep run along a steep mountainside outside Missoula, Mont.

of growth that the animals prefer for eating.

Some of the collared animals came from herds that had been established in an area for at least 200 years, while others came from herds that had been introduced in recent decades. Scientists reasoned that if animals learned and then developed over time the

knowledge of how to find the best food, those from long-established herds would perform better at locating the prime forage than those from herds with a shorter history.

And that's what they found when they compared the GPS data on the animals to the locations of the best forage. The longer a herd

had been established, the better the tracked animals were at finding the best forage, and the more likely they were to migrate at all. The researchers didn't study how the knowledge is passed along within the herds, but it's probably from young animals watching their mothers or other herd members, said the

study's lead author, Brett Jesmer of the University of Wyoming.

The long, slow improvement in forage-finding over decades indicates that herds build on the cultural knowledge across generations. A slow curve also showed up in the likelihood that animals would migrate in the spring.

Results indicate that within herds that had first entered their home range even 30 to 50 years before, only about a quarter of the tracked animals on average migrated. But almost all the animals migrated if they came from herds that had occupied their home for 200 years or so.

Such social learning of migration routes also appears to happen with cranes and geese, but not other birds, said Cornell University ornithologist Kevin McGowan, who didn't participate in the study.

The researchers said the study has implications for conservation. When a migration corridor is blocked, such as by construction of a highway, it can take decades for herds of big

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In this Sept. 2016, photo provided by the University of California Irvine, UC Irvine grad student, Samantha Leigh handles a bonnethead shark in Irvine, Calif.

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Side of seagrass please: Scientists find omnivorous shark

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) —

Ruining the reputation of sharks as bloodthirsty predators, California researchers said they have found a shark that enjoys a side of seagrass with its prey.

Bonnethead sharks not only eat grass while chomping fish and squid — they also digest the plant and gain nutrition from it, scientists at the University of California, Irvine announced Wednesday.

It turns out bonnetheads have high levels of enzymes that break down fiber and carbohydrates, compared with the low amount carnivores typically have.

That makes the bonnethead the first known om-

nivorous shark, researchers said.

Laboratory video posted online shows a small bonnethead devouring a meal of 90 percent seagrass and 10 percent squid.

It was previously believed that bonnetheads unintentionally consumed the grass in shallow areas where the species lives along some coastlines in the U.S., Central and South America.

The smallest of the ten hammerhead species, bonnetheads are typically about 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 0.9 meters) long.

Samantha Leigh, who headed the four-year study at UCI's School of Bi-

ological Sciences, said she hopes the discovery will help protect seagrass ecosystems that are at risk from climate change.

"The fact a highly abundant kind of shark feeds on the grasses is yet another indication of why we need to preserve this vegetation," she said.

Dr. Sandy Trautwein of the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach called the findings "unique, but not surprising, given bonnetheads' niche in tropical ecosystems."

She said she hopes the study "opens up the door for additional research" about seagrass communities and sharks in general. □

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Mac Miller, who collaborated with rap royalty, dies at 26

By ANDREW DALTON

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mac Miller, the platinum hip-hop star whose rhymes vacillated from party raps to lyrics about depression and drug use, and earned kudos from the likes of Jay-Z and Chance the Rapper, died Friday at age 26.

Police and paramedics found Miller unresponsive at his home in Los Angeles and declared him dead shortly before noon, coroner's spokeswoman Sarah Ardalani said. An autopsy will be required to determine the cause of death. His death was first reported by celebrity website TMZ.

"He was a bright light in this world for his family, friends and fans," Miller's family said in a statement.

Miller also drew headlines for his two-year relationship with singer Ariana Grande that ended earlier this year. Police lines were pulled up and a coroner's van left the cul-de-sac where Miller lived late Friday afternoon. About 10 news vans remained. Another rapper, Pittsburgh Slim, appeared and left flowers.

While Miller didn't have a hit on Top 40 radio, he had a strong following on streaming networks and even had an album debut at No. 1 on the top 200 albums chart. He often alluded to his battles with addiction over the years and had collaborations with Kendrick Lamar, Lil Wayne and Ty Dolla \$ign. At the news of his death, Chance the Rapper tweeted: "I don't know what to say Mac Miller took me on my second tour ever. But beyond helping me launch my career he was one of the sweetest guys I ever knew. Great man. I loved him for real. I'm completely broken. God bless him."

J Cole said on Twitter: "This is a message for anybody in this game that's going through something. If you don't feel right, if you feel you have a substance problem, if you need a ear to vent to. If you uncomfortable talking to people around you. Please reach

out to me."

He released his fifth, full-length album "Swimming" last month, with Variety

for two years before their relationship ended in May. She later called it a "toxic" relationship on Twitter.

"Knock Knock."

One of his biggest songs was the 2011 platinum-certified mixtape track "Don-

ity reflected two years of warp-speed development, his move from Pittsburgh to Los Angeles and just how



In this July 29, 2016 file photo, Mac Miller performs at Lollapalooza in Chicago.

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calling it "a simple, stately, poetic autobiography." Rolling Stone called it "silky, deep vibe redolent of the L.A. alternative soul scene." New Musical Express said it was "his best work in years." The album included the song "Come Back to Earth," with Miller trying to chart his way through tough times: "In my own way, I feel like living some alternate reality/And I was drowning, but now I'm swimming through stressful waters to relief."

He was due to start a tour at the end of next month that he promised would be special every night. On Thursday he tweeted: "I just wanna go on tour."

Miller and Grande collaborated on her first top 10 hit, the multiplatinum, "The Way," which propelled her from teen TV stardom to pop star, and they dated

Not long after he was charged with DUI and hit and run after police said he struck a power pole and fled the scene. His blood alcohol was reportedly twice the legal limit.

"I made a stupid mistake. I'm a human being," Miller told Zane Lowe on Beats 1 on Apple Music in July. "But it was the best thing that could have happened. Best thing that could have happened. I needed that. I needed to run into that light pole and literally have the whole thing stop."

The Pittsburgh native, born Malcolm McCormick, rose to fame with a frat-rap attitude in his mixtapes like "Best Day Ever" and his full-length album debut, 2011's "Blue Slide Park." His more goofy songs included "Nikes on My Feet," "Kool Aid & Frozen Pizza" and

ald Trump," which prompted a feud with the future president. He asked his fans not to vote for Trump, who was flirting with the idea of running for president then, and publicly supported the Black Lives Matter movement.

In 2013, his sophomore effort, "Watching Movies with the Sound Off," entered the Billboard 200 at No. 3. Miller sold more than 100,000 copies of the woozy, moody album, which features appearances or production work from Diplo, Flying Lotus, Earl Sweatshirt, Jay Electronica and Action Bronson. He also landed a reality series, "Mac Miller and the Most Dope Family," in 2013, which ran for two seasons on MTV2.

Miller told The Associated Press that year that the album's depth and qual-

serious he was about the craft. "There was always a lot more to me than what people wanted to say, that's the only thing that ever bothered me," Miller said.

His 2016 release "The Divine Feminine" had contributions from Kendrick Lamar, Anderson .Paak, Cee-Lo Green and Grande. Pitchfork magazine called it "the most surprising, concise, and accomplished album of his career."

Miller's label, Warner Bros., released a statement calling him "a hugely gifted and inspiring artist, with a pioneering spirit and a sense of humor that touched everyone he met. Mac's death is a devastating loss and cuts short a life and a talent of huge potential, where the possibilities felt limitless." □

With 'The Nun,' Warner Bros.' box office streak continues

By LINDSEY BAHR

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The horror movie "The Nun" has topped the domestic box office in its first weekend, scoring a best for the "Conjuring" franchise and another win for Warner Bros. Studio estimates on Sunday say the Demian Bichir and Taissa Farmiga-led film brought in \$53.5 million from 3,876 North American theaters. Internationally, it banked \$77.5 million for a massive \$131 million global debut. The movie, a spinoff of a character seen in "The Conjuring 2" and set in 1952 Romania, cost only \$22 million to produce.

Before "The Nun," the largest opening in the "Conjuring" universe, which includes the "Annabelle" films, was "The Conjuring's" \$41.8 million launch. "The subject in the title 'The Nun,' just gets a bigger broader audience," said Jeffrey Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. Opening weekend audiences were heavily Hispan-



This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Sandra Teles in a scene from "The Nun."

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ic (35 percent), according to exit polls, and significantly higher than other films in the series. "The Conjuring," for instance, attracted a 17 percent Hispanic audience. This marks the fifth consecutive weekend that a Warner Bros. movie has held first place domestically, following in the successful footsteps of "Crazy Rich Asians" and "The Meg." It's also the fourth that the stu-

dio has held the first and second place spots which is the first time this has happened in the industry in over 25 years. The last time was in 1989 when Universal Pictures had "Sea of Love," "Uncle Buck" and "Parent-hood."

"The calendar has 12 months and 52 weeks," Goldstein said of the industry-leading streak. "We had gotten a fair amount of criticism for what our release

schedule looked like in the summer, but I kept on saying it's not about summer, it's about the whole year." "The Nun" effectively scared "Crazy Rich Asians" into second place for the first time in its four-week run. The rom-com added \$13.6 million, bringing its total North American earning to \$136.2 million. Third place went to the R-rated Jennifer Garner revenge movie "Pepper-

mint," from STXFilms, which debuted on par with expectations to \$13.3 million. "'Peppermint' was a movie that was meant to give a completely different option to 'The Nun,'" said Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for box office tracker comScore. "'The Nun' was just this overwhelming juggernaut." And holdovers rounded out the top five with "The Meg" in fourth with \$6 million and "Searching" in fifth with \$4.5 million. Despite "The Nun's" strong performance, the week-end is down nearly 30 percent from last year when "It" scored a record-breaking opening, but the year overall is still up 9.5 percent. "Look out," Dergarabedian said. "This could be the biggest box office year ever." Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday. □

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Book of Garcia Marquez's journalism to be published

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NEW YORK (AP) — In the beginning, Gabriel Garcia Marquez was a reporter. A selection of the late Nobel laureate's journalism is coming out in Spanish next month, Vintage Espanol announced Wednesday. It's called "El Escandalo del Siglo." The English edition, "The Scandal of the Century," comes in May. Garcia Marquez, who died in 2014, went on to write such celebrated fiction as "One Hundred Years of Solitude" and "Love in the Time of Cholera." It will include an introduction by Jon Lee Anderson, who made a 2015 documentary about the author, "Gabo." "This anthology, as welcomed as necessary, highlights the legacy of Garcia Marquez as a journalist



In this March 6, 2014 file photo, Colombian Nobel Literature laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez appears outside his home on his 87th birthday in Mexico City.

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through this selection of his published articles," Anderson writes. "It begins with the young Gabo during his time working in the (Colombian) Coast, who was just starting as a writer, and spans some 40 years until

the mid-'80s, when he was a consecrated and mature author. This anthology reveals an entertaining writer in his origins, always fun and enjoyable, whose journalism is hardly distinguishable from his fiction." □

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Tiffany Haddish leads African-American Emmys sweep

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiffany Haddish led an African-American sweep of Emmy Awards for TV series guest actors, a landmark moment in the entertainment industry's effort to foster diversity.

Haddish was honored at Saturday's creative arts Emmys for hosting "Saturday Night Live," while Katt Williams won the guest comedy actor award for "Atlanta."

Ron Cephas Jones of "This Is Us" and Samira Wiley of "The Handmaid's Tale" accepted guest acting honors in the drama series categories.

Cephas, who plays a father who reconnects with his son (series star Sterling K. Brown) after a difficult life of drug addiction and loss, was asked backstage if his character would have been on TV in the past.

"No. Not in this incarnation.



Tiffany Haddish attends the NYFW Spring/Summer 2019 Brandon Maxwell fashion show at Classic Car Club Manhattan on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, in New York.

... Not that the audience wasn't ready for it. But maybe the executives, or people that have a say in the writing, probably wouldn't have been ready for this

kind of thing. But now we are. We're moving forward and moving ahead." In another step forward Saturday, Shauna Duggins became the first woman to

win an Emmy for stunt coordination for a comedy or variety series for "GLOW," about women's wrestling in the 1980s.

The creative arts Emmys set

the table for NBC's Sept. 17 main ceremony, which could also advance inclusivity on-screen and off. Donald Glover, the star and creator of "Atlanta," won trophies last year for acting and directing and is a multiple nominee again, with his show a top contender for best comedy. Tracee Ellis Ross of "black-ish" and Issa Rae of "Insecure" are competing for comedy series acting honors. On the drama side, Brown could repeat as best actor for "This Is Us," with Jeffrey Wright of "Westworld" among his competitors, while "Killing Eve" star Sandra Oh could become the first actress of Asian descent to win the top award. Haddish, a hot property since her breakout performance in the movie "Girls Trip," has been an Oscar presenter and MTV Movie & TV Awards host. She co-stars in the sitcom "The Last O.G." □

Massive boom hopes to corral Pacific Ocean's plastic trash

By OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Engineers are deploying a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii in an attempt to clean up the world's largest garbage patch in the heart of the Pacific Ocean.

The 2,000-foot (600-meter) long floating boom is being towed from San Francisco to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch — an island of trash twice the size of Texas. The system was created by The Ocean Cleanup, an organization founded by Boyan Slat, a 24-year-old innovator from the Netherlands who first became passionate about cleaning the oceans when he went scuba diving at age 16 in the Mediterranean Sea and saw more plastic bags than fish.

"The plastic is really persistent and it doesn't go away by itself and the time to act is now," Slat said, adding that researchers with his organization found plastic going back to the 1960s and 1970s bobbing in the patch.

The buoyant, U-shaped barrier made of plastic and with a tapered 10-foot (3-meter) deep screen, is intended to act like a coastline, trapping some of the 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic that scientists estimate are swirling in that gyre but allowing marine life to safely swim beneath it.

Fitted with solar power lights, cameras, sensors and satellite antennas, the



A ship tows The Ocean Cleanup's first buoyant trash-collecting device toward the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco en route to the Pacific Ocean on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018.

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cleanup system will communicate its position at all times, allowing a support vessel to fish out the collected plastic every few months and transport it to dry land where it will be recycled, said Slat.

Shipping containers filled with the fishing nets, plastic bottles, laundry baskets and other plastic refuse scooped up by the system being deployed Saturday are expected to be back on land within a year, he said.

Slat said he and his team will pay close attention to whether the system works efficiently and withstands harsh ocean conditions, including huge waves. He said he's most looking forward to a ship loaded with plastic coming back to

port.

"We still have to prove the technology... which will then allow us to scale up a fleet of systems," he said.

The Ocean Cleanup, which has raised \$35 million in donations to fund the project, including from Salesforce.com chief executive Marc Benioff and PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel, will deploy 60 free-floating barriers in the Pacific Ocean by 2020.

"One of our goals is to remove 50 percent of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in five years," Slat said.

The free-floating barriers are made to withstand

harsh weather conditions and constant wear and tear. They will stay in the water for two decades and in that time collect 90 percent of the trash in the patch, he added.

"We at the Ocean Conservancy are highly skeptical but we hope it works," he said. "The ocean needs all the help it can get."

Leonard said 9 million tons (8 million metric tons) of plastic waste enter the ocean annually and that a solution must include a multi-pronged approach, including stopping plastic from reaching the ocean and more education so people reduce consump-

tion of single use plastic containers and bottles.

"If you don't stop plastics from flowing into the ocean, it will be a Sisyphean task," Leonard said, citing the Greek myth of a task never completed. He added that on September 15 about 1 million volunteers around the world will collect trash from beaches and waterways as part of the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup. Volunteers last year collected about 10,000 tons of plastics worldwide over two hours, he said. Leonard also raised concerns that marine and wildlife could be entangled by the net that will hang below the surface. He said he hopes Slat's group is transparent with its data and shares information with the public about what happens with the first deployment.

"He has set a very large and lofty goal and we certainly hope it works but we really are not going to know until it is deployed," Leonard said. "We have to wait and see."

The system will act as a "big boat that stands still in the water" and will have a screen and not a net so that there is nothing for marine life to get entangled with. As an extra precautionary measure, a boat carrying experienced marine biologists will be deployed to make sure the device is not harming wildlife, Slat said. □



In this May 11, 2017, file photo, Dutch innovator Boyan Slat poses for a portrait next to the anchors of his plastic collecting system, suspended from the roof of a building in Utrecht, Netherlands.

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In this Monday, Aug. 27, 2018 photo provided by The Ocean Cleanup, a long floating boom that will be used to corral plastic litter in the Pacific Ocean is assembled in Alameda, Calif.

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